

Azerbaijan gangs arm with hunting rifles and Kalashnikovs

Moscow uses force to head off civil war

By Hazhir Tehmouirian and Daniel Treisman

The Soviet Government last night declared a state of emergency in Nagorno-Karabakh and announced that it was to send army, navy and KGB units to the Trans-Caucasus as continuing violence between Azerbaijanis and Armenians was reported.

The Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, had earlier said that Moscow would use force to end the violence which has left at least 34 — mostly Armenians — dead in Baku alone.

"The conflict seems to be hard to solve but the authorities won't allow this to become a civil war," he told Norway's state radio. "The conflict must be solved with the help of military power."

The state of emergency, which gives the military authorities power to ban public meetings, was announced in a decree issued by the President of the Supreme Soviet and signed by President Gorbachev. The decision came after reports that gangs of militants were arming

themselves with automatic weapons and hunting rifles. More than 600 Armenians reportedly fled the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, across the Caspian Sea to Turkmenia, as violent skirmishes continued in the countryside.

Troops were being prevented from protecting Armenian villages north of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to Soviet television.

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which quoted police as saying the situation in some districts was completely out of control.

Militant Azeris in the Azerbaijani city of Kirovabad have blocked roads with hundreds of cars and lorries, and women and children from the village of Tusk, on the road from Sharmyan, were said to have blocked the road to prevent interior ministry troops reaching the village.

Mr Niyazi Ibrahim, an Azeri nationalist, added that soldiers were also being prevented from leaving an airport for Aizkand, north of the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh enclave.

In the Sharmyan district, a firefight broke out between 300 gunmen when a group of Azerbaijanis tried to set fire to an Armenian farm. Armenians fought back with hunting rifles and Kalashnikov submachine guns, according to Soviet television.

Baku residents, contacted by The Times last night, said that many Armenian families were being evicted while in the countryside, both sides were taking hostages.

In an exclusive interview with The Times, the main spokesman of the mass nationalist movement, the People's Front, in Baku said his organization was blocking Soviet troop movements and co-operating with communists' authorities moving some 15,000 Armenians from Baku to safe places.

Baku itself was described as calm but tense. There were more indications that during the riots on Sunday, the

Azerbaijani police had stood aside to allow rampaging mobs to attack homes.

The Armenian President, Mr Grant Voskanyan, called for troops to protect Armenians in Sharmyan and Khanlar, where thousands of armed militants were reported to be converging.

Nationalist demands in Azerbaijan appear to be hardening. The Fatherland Society, which had placed its hopes in Perestroika, yesterday advocated the expulsion of all Armenians from the region. A spokesman told the Persian Service of the BBC that Karabakh was an integral part of Azerbaijan and that "our nation can never contemplate giving it up".

And the Moscow radio publication, Interfax, reported that young Azeri extremists had formed an organization called Spasenie, or Salvation, which aims to fight for Azerbaijan's sovereignty over Nagorno-Karabakh, topple the authorities and secede from the Soviet Union.

Tehran radio, monitored in London, said that thousands of Azerbaijanis had reached the formerly-barred border region with Iran to demonstrate "support for Islam". It said that some thirty people swam the river Araks to meet Iranian Azerbaijanis.

In the Armenian capital, Yerevan, where a state of emergency has been in force since Sunday, authorities ordered that all hunting rifles be surrendered. But volunteers were said to be forming squads to defend compatriots in Nagorno-Karabakh.

The latest violence comes as Mr Gorbachev prepares for the Central Committee meeting on January 29, which will debate the Lithuanian party's declaration of independence.

Elsewhere in the troubled Soviet regions, Georgian demonstrators have been protesting for three days in the capital, Tbilisi, against demands by the Ossetian minority to break away. At the same time, demands have grown for Georgian independence.



Moscow's might: Soviet security troops backed by an armoured personnel carrier patrol Baku to prevent more killings of Armenians in Azerbaijan's capital.

Brooke silence over claims of special unit's role in shooting

By Richard Ford, Edward Gorman and Michael Evans

Soldiers from a special unit comprising members of the Royal Marines and army regiments were said yesterday to be responsible for the shooting of three men who were robbing a betting shop in Belfast.

As Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, demanded immediate clarification of the incident, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland resisted pressure to reveal more details.

Mr Kevin McNamara, the shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, pressed Mr Peter Brooke to confirm that the shootings had been carried out by a unit he named as the 14th Independent Company. He also demanded to know whether the undercover soldiers had administered the

coup de grace as two of the robbers lay on the ground.

Mr Brooke declined for "operational reasons" to give answers to a series of questions about the incident but emphasized that the soldiers had come upon the raid "by chance".

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chance". He told the Commons that two soldiers on duty in civilian clothes were leaving west Belfast when they came upon the incident.

"By chance they saw a car approach from the other direction and stop at the junction of the Falls Road and the Whitecross Road. They then saw two masked men, one of

whom was armed with what appeared to be a sub-machine gun, run from the car into a betting shop."

Mr Brooke said that what happened next was being "rigorously pursued" by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but he added that it was the responsibility of the security forces to take "immediate action" if they came across a situation which appeared to pose a threat to life.

The sub-machine gun used by the robbers and a pistol found in the betting shop were "exact scale replicas".

Mr McNamara claimed that the 14th Independent Company was formed a decade ago to operate in urban areas. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said it never named

units which carried out operations in Northern Ireland. "As for that title, it is one we don't say is right or wrong. We won't confirm whether that is a correct unit description or a wrong one."

Expressing his "serious misgivings and misgivings about the shootings", Mr Haughey said his Government wanted a full report as soon as possible. The next meeting of the Anglo-Irish Conference is due towards the end of the month and Irish sources insisted they would like a detailed report before then.

They are particularly concerned at why no apparent attempt was made to arrest any of the three men and over the question of whether any warning was given.

Apology by baby's abductor

By a Staff Reporter

Police believe the woman who abducted a new-born baby from St Thomas's Hospital, central London, telephoned the hospital to apologize for stealing the child.

Det Supt John Bassett, who is in charge of the search for Alexandra Griffiths, appealed for the woman to telephone again on a special number, 01 582 0000. He said a call would reassure both him and Miss Dawn Griffiths, the baby's mother, that the child was well.

Details of the call on Friday had been kept secret because Miss Griffiths had been too distraught to be told.

Mr Bassett said he would reassure the caller that the first concern was the baby's safety. Full report, page 2

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The theatre, television and film world paid tribute yesterday to the actor Gordon Jackson, best known as Hudson in the television series *Upstairs, Downstairs*, who died after a short illness at the age of 66. Obituary, page 14

Sales boost

A late surge in Christmas shopping lifted retail sales by 2.2 per cent in December, rekindling fears that high interest rates have not successfully held down consumer spending. Page 21

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Thousands storm Berlin police HQ

By Anne McElroy in East Berlin and Our Foreign Staff

Thousands of East German demonstrators stormed the Stasi security police headquarters on East Berlin's Normannenstrasse yesterday, clambering over gates and throwing furniture out of the windows.

Workers bricked up the main entrance while others drove a lorry up to the gates and dumped rubble outside.

ADN, the official East German news agency, said tens of thousands of people had entered the building. Calls from citizens' committees and the New Forum opposition movement for a peaceful demonstration were ignored.

Opposition and government parties broke off round table talks to address the country on television and radio, urging people to stick to the motto of the country's revolution — "No Violence".

"This could be the explo-

sion we have all been fearing," was the initial reaction of one Western diplomat. In contrast to the bloody revolution in Romania, protests against the establishment in East Germany have so far been almost free of violence. But the mood has become tense in the past

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week with mounting warning strikes and calls for the Stasi to be rooted out for good.

Earlier yesterday the round-table meeting heard reports from the Interior Minister and a government official on the disbanding of the Stasi, which employed 85,000 people and had 100,000 informers.

The former East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker, and his security chief, Herr Erich Mielke, are to be investigated. Continued on page 20, col 6

Swedish line buys Sealink

By Martin Waller

The Sealink cross-Channel ferry service is to change hands under the terms of a \$1 billion (£602 million) deal between its owner, the Sea Containers shipping combine, and an Anglo-Swedish consortium.

Tipstock, a British container group, and Stena, a Swedish shipping line, have been mounting a hostile takeover bid for Sea Containers since May with much of the skirmishing taking place in US courts.

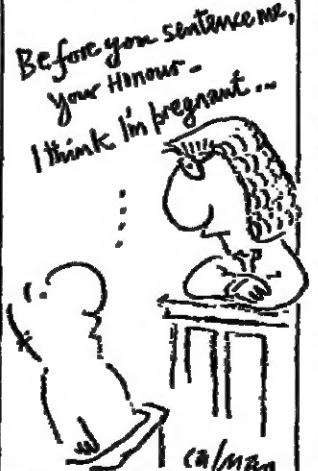
But the two sides yesterday announced the end of hostilities under an agreement that allows the Swedes to buy Sealink for the equivalent of \$487 million. At the same time the British company will pay \$537 million for Sea Containers' container rental businesses. Details, page 21

Release for mother jailed by Pickles

By Michael Horsnell

A supermarket check-out girl will be released today from prison where she has spent two weeks with her baby after a widely criticized sentence by Judge James Pickles for theft.

Lord Chief Justice Lane



said yesterday that Miss Tracey Scott, aged 19, should have been put on probation. Miss Scott, whose daughter is 11 weeks old, will travel from Styal Prison, near Wilmslow, to attend her appeal against sentence at the Court of Appeal in London. She is expected to consent to a two-year probation order.

Judge Pickles accepted at Wakefield Crown Court that she had not deliberately become pregnant to avoid a prison sentence but went on to say that those women who did would not avoid jail.

Lord Lane said the comments might have been relevant as a deterrent. But he criticized the trial judge for being more concerned with what he was saying about women using pregnancy to avoid detention, than with justice. Details, page 3

Charter drawn up to protect victims of crime

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor



Mr David Waddington: He has ordered a victims' charter.

Victims of crime are to be given a comprehensive series of new rights, including the right to be consulted by police who are deciding whether to caution or charge an offender.

A major complaint about the criminal justice system — that no one is told anything about the crime from which they have suffered after initial visits by the police — will be countered by the provision that police must inform victims about the progress of the case.

Police will have to tell them whether the offender has been given bail, what the outcome of the case was and whether they have a claim to compensation.

The comprehensive Victims' Charter, to be announced next month, has been

drawn up on the orders of Mr David Waddington, the former criminal barister who became Home Secretary last October.

A recent Criminal Justice Act put the onus on courts to order compensation for victims unless there is a good case not to do so. In addition, the police will now have to ensure that courts are fully aware of the degree of damage suffered.

Victims also complain that giving evidence in court becomes a traumatic experience when defence counsel, seeking to save their clients, set out to destroy the character of victims. The charter will ensure that prosecuting counsel are given the duty of mounting a vigorous defence of victims' characters in response to such attempts.

The Home Office is also supporting

plans for new physical arrangements in courts to make life less traumatic for victims, avoiding confrontation with, or close proximity to, offenders. The voluntary organization Victim Support has been given Home Office funds to conduct experiments to see what changes should be made.

The charter also suggests that probation officers should consult relatives of victims when murderers are released on life licences to determine the conditions of the release, such as restrictions on where the former inmate is allowed to live. They may, for example, be banned from living in the home town of the victim's closest relatives.

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Mother and baby to go free as Lord Lane criticizes Pickles

By Michael Horsnell

A supermarket checkout girl who was jailed with her baby daughter after Judge Pickles said women could not escape imprisonment by deliberately becoming pregnant will be freed today.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said Judge Pickles seemed to have been more concerned with the public import of what he was doing and saying than with the justice of it.

Tracey Scott, aged 19, who was sentenced to six months' youth custody for allowing customers to steal from the shop where she worked, should have been placed on probation, the Court of Appeal ruled. She was not in court and will be taken from Styal prison in Cheshire to London today to agree to the probation order.

While accepting that Scott had not deliberately become pregnant to avoid a prison sentence, Judge Pickles had said that those women who did would not avoid jail.

Lord Lane said Miss Scott could have profited from advice and guidance, but "unfortunately the judge saw fit to unbend himself on the topic of young women who might be minded to become pregnant to avoid detention."

"The impression was left - whether intentionally or not - by this judge's remarks that he was using this case to show the unwisdom of women embarking upon pregnancy to escape a prison sentence. That impression, to say the least, was most unfortunate."

It was the second time in a year that Judge Pickles's de-

cisions had been attacked by the Lord Chief Justice. Lord Lane criticized him last year after he jailed Michelle Renshaw for contempt when she refused to give evidence against a former boy friend because she was frightened.

Scott, of Longhill Road, Huddersfield, was sentenced at Wakefield Crown Court two weeks ago, after Judge Pickles had twice delayed his decision so that custodial places could be found for the teenager and her daughter, Alesha, now aged 11 weeks. He said it was vital the pair should not be separated.

Scott had admitted nine charges of theft and one of attempted theft in allowing customers to take goods worth about £4,000 without paying. She was said to have committed the offences to buy popularity and had made no financial gain.

Yesterday, Lord Lane said that Judge Pickles had been told before sentencing Scott that two women he had jailed

for stealing from the store had been freed on appeal, yet he insisted that for helping them "to loot" the store, Scott deserved a custodial sentence.

But Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Hutchison, said the sentence was wrong and had Scott been in court, she would have been freed immediately. The sentence would be quashed if she was brought from Cheshire to court today.

After the hearing, Mr Ken Green, Miss Scott's solicitor, said: "We are absolutely delighted. We felt Judge Pickles's comments were uncalled for and it would appear the Appeal Court has confirmed that. I hope Judge Pickles will take Lord Lane's remarks to heart."

Mrs Marjorie Sylvester, Miss Scott's mother, repeated calls for Judge Pickles to resign or be dismissed. She said: "He has no compassion and is heartless. He should have given Tracey probation but he's always wrong and will never resign."

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders welcomed the decision as "a victory for compassion and common sense", and Mr Adam Sampson, of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "Judges have the power to hand down entirely inappropriate sentences without being disciplined. Tracey Scott has spent two weeks in custody when quite clearly there was no need."

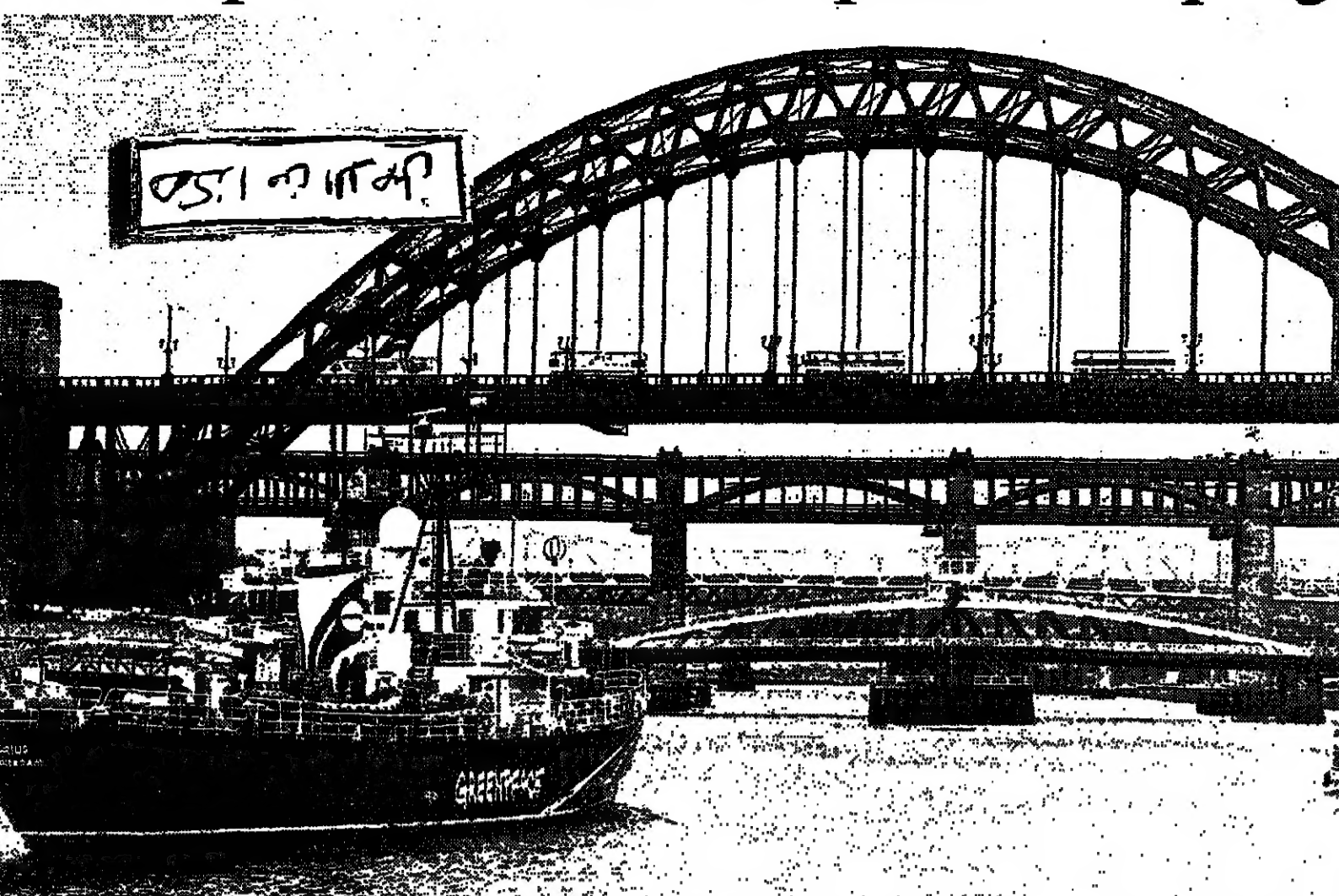
Judge Pickles, aged 64, was on holiday yesterday and unavailable for comment.

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Lord Lane: Second attack on Judge Pickles.

Greenpeace move to stop sea dumping



The Greenpeace ship Sirius arriving in the Tyne to protest at the continued granting by Great Britain of licences to dump toxic waste in the North Sea.

By Mark Souster

Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group, yesterday launched a two-month campaign of protest against the dumping of toxic waste in the North Sea, as its protest ship Sirius arrived on Tyneside.

The action, timed to coincide with the second reading of the "Green" Bill in Parliament, will culminate in March at the third North Sea conference of environment ministers at The Hague in The Netherlands.

Greenpeace hopes that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will not renew 22 dumping licences which

is says are due for renewal this year, but the ministry says only 10 will come up for renewal. The first three applications are now with the ministry. Greenpeace says the applications will test the Government's commitment to the phasing out of dumping at sea.

Each year, about a quarter of a million dry tonnes of toxic waste from industrial and domestic sources are dumped at sea at 14 sites around the British Isles, much of it into the North Sea.

Despite being a signatory to the 1987 North Sea Declaration, Britain is the only West European country

that has neither stopped nor produced plans to stop its policy of sludge dumping at sea. However, Britain says it is committed to the spirit of the declaration, which states that dumping should cease unless "no practical land-based alternative exists and it can be shown that the materials dumped pose no risk to the marine environment".

The governments of West Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Denmark have protested to the ministry about Britain's waste dumping operations in the North Sea. They complain that Britain has not provided evidence that the dumping

causes no damage to the marine environment. Nine members of the European Parliament's environment committee and more than 80 British MPs have voiced similar concerns.

Mr Paul Horsman, toxics officer for Greenpeace, said: "Every other North Sea state has found land-based alternatives to sea dumping. Britain must follow suit. It is time the UK stopped treating our seas as a sewer."

The firms seeking renewals are Sterling Organics (42,000 tonnes), Fisons (6,000 tonnes) and Orsnyet (3,000 tonnes). Fisons, however, is understood to have found alternative methods of disposal onshore.

Praise for police in shoot-out

A judge yesterday praised police for their bravery in facing armed robbers in a gun battle which left two robbers dead. But he said he was not prepared to comment on the wider issue of the rights and wrongs of public shoot-outs.

The Central Criminal Court was told the men were shot dead by Police Constable Neil Simpson, aged 30, a marksman, who had been shot in the ankle during the raid in Twyford Road, Harrow, north-west London.

From a sitting position he fired back at the two men still shooting at him, hitting them in the chest and fatally wounding them.

Mr Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, said: "PC Simpson was genuinely and realistically in fear of his life."

A third robber, who threw away his sawn-off shotgun when the shooting started, was jailed for 13 years yesterday after pleading guilty to attempted robbery, wounding with intent to resist arrest and firearms offences.

Mr Justice Rousier told John Michael Gorman, aged 49, a market trader, of Fordwych Road, Cricklewood, north-west London: "This raid was no amateur effort. It was very sophisticated and carefully planned. The three of you cared very little for anyone who stood in your way and you were prepared to blast your way out with guns."

The shootings last April came after police found stolen cars planted around the area and stationed armed detectives to foil any raid. They saw the three robbers checking the cars' positions and realized that their target was a local post office.

The robbers tried to drive off when they realized they were being watched and the shootings began after they abandoned their car.

The two men who died were Terence Dewsnap, aged 48, of Gillingham, near Margate, Kent, and James Farrell, aged 52, of Hanwell, west London.

Kidney payments inquiry

NHS charge is dropped

By John Young

A charge that a leading transplant surgeon knowingly misled a London hospital by asking for a private patient to be included on an NHS waiting list was dropped yesterday after a laboratory technician admitted that she knew all along that the woman concerned was a private patient at the Wellington Hospital in north London.

Mr Michael Bewick is one of three doctors charged with serious professional misconduct in relation to alleged payments to kidney donors. The others are Dr Raymond Crockett, a kidney specialist, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist. All three deny the charges.

At the start of the fourth week of the hearing by the General Medical Council professional conduct committee, Miss Lesley Kennedy, a tissue

typist (laboratory technician) at Guys Hospital, south London, said that Mr Bewick had been anxious to obtain a kidney for transplant into Mrs C T, a private patient from Greece, after an earlier transplant operation had failed. Mrs C T's name had been added to a list of NHS patients on the door of a refrigerator in the laboratory.

The purpose of the list was to enable blood and tissue details of all the people appearing on it to be automatically cross-matched with those of potential donors.

On November 21, 1988, after the weekend during which a kidney from a NHS donor was transplanted into Mrs C T, Miss Kennedy said she made a routine call to Mr Bewick. She immediately knew that he had transplanted an NHS kidney into a non-

entitled private patient.

Mr Joseph Aslan, director of Sunquest Holidays, of Ealing, west London, said that from 1980 until March 1988 he employed Mr Ata Nur Kunter as his chief accountant. Mr Kunter is one of three Turkish brothers who have been described as "kidney brokers".

Mr Aslan said that some months after Mr Kunter left his employment he ordered return air tickets from Istanbul to London in the names of Mr Usta and Mr Koc, two of the Turks who are alleged to have been paid to donate their kidneys. In Mr Usta's case the invoice had been addressed to the National Kidney Centre, in north London, where Dr Crockett was medical director.

The hearing continues today.

Shoes to pump up profits

By Gillian Bowditch

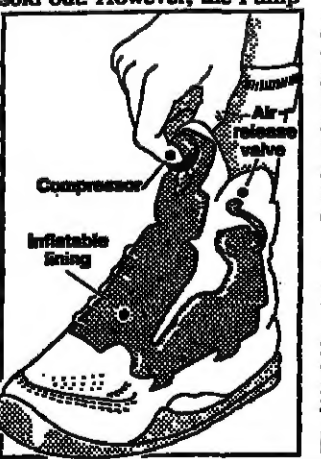
The latest craze in US footwear is about to hit the streets of Britain. It costs £129.99, is called the Pump, and it may change the fortunes of the US sportswear group Reebok, which is 32 per cent owned by the British Pentland Group.

The Pump is a basketball boot with an inflatable lining which gives a customized fit to the wearer. It is inflated, once the shoe is on the foot, by a small pump in the shape of a miniature orange basketball on the shoe's tongue. The air is released through a small valve on the heel.

The idea is to support the ankle and foot and give added stability and shock absorption to players of basketball, a game notorious for its crash landings. But for streetwise teenagers, who make up about 80 per cent of Reebok's market, the gimmick is both fashionable and fun. It is they

who have turned the Pump into a craze.

The 90,000 pairs which went on sale in the US at the end of November have already sold out. One thousand pairs went to sports shops in the UK last month and also sold out. However, the Pump



will not be properly launched in the UK until the end of March. Reebok shares have risen over 25 per cent since September although Pentland's shares, which peaked at 95p in September, have fallen back to 80p.

The shoe has taken two years to develop and has so far cost Reebok \$10 million in research and development and marketing costs. Mr Paul Fireman, Reebok's chairman and chief executive, believes the shoe is too complicated and too expensive to produce for the market to be flooded by cheap imports.

He hopes to apply the Pump technique to shoes for tennis players and bikers.

For Reebok, the Pump may mean an upturn in its fortunes, which have waned since it introduced Freestyle, the bestselling women's aerobics shoe in the mid-1980s.

Drugs gang must forfeit £3m

By Michael Horsnell

Drug smugglers trapped after a tip-off from Russian customs officers were yesterday ordered to pay back nearly £3 million of their £7.5 million illegal assets.

It is the biggest seizure of investments, bank accounts, homes and businesses made so far under the 1986 drug trafficking offences Act.

The gang of five men were jailed yesterday for a total of 47 years at Chelmsford Crown Court. James Rose, aged 53, a company director, of Sutherland Avenue, Fens Wood, Kent, the "drugs baron" who had led the team which im-

ported £50 million of cannabis resin, was jailed for 12 years for smuggling.

He was given 12 months to comply with a confiscation order of £2,304,679 or face a further 10-year sentence.

Alan Small, aged 44, of Rotherhithe, south-east London, was jailed for 10 years for conspiracy. He was given 12 months to comply with a confiscation order of £379,835 or face a further five years in jail.

Andrew George, aged 37, of Leydon Hatch Lane, Heston, Kent, a financial consultant found guilty of two

charges of money laundering, was jailed for nine years. A confiscation order of £91,237 was made and he was given 12 months to comply or face another two years in jail.

Martin Reeves, aged 41, of Trust Walk, West Dulwich, London, a radio expert, was found guilty of smuggling and jailed for nine years.

Rose's son, Richard Rose, aged 25, of Mottingham Lane, Eltham, London, who admitted importing cannabis, was jailed for seven years and ordered to forfeit £83,794 in 12 months or face another two years in jail.

PORTFOLIO

Divided by three

A retired mathematics teacher is one of three winners in The Times Portfolio Platinum competition. Mr Emlyn Crooke, of Radstock, Cornwall, shares the £2,000 prize with Mr Anil Bagga, of Farnham, south London, and Mrs Enda Stannell, of Poole, Dorset. Each will receive £666.66.

Mr Crooke, aged 58 and a Times reader for 40 years, plans to spend about £100 on a new set of golf waterproofs and the rest on some new carpets.

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Taxman accused of spying on farms

By David Sapsted

Allegations of harassment by a new Inland Revenue "snook squad" were made yesterday by farmers who say tax investigators have taken to hiding in hedges to discover the number of casual workers being employed.

The Country Landowners' Association (CLA) described it as an outrageous way to treat farmers and their workers and accused Inland Revenue and Department of Social Security teams of using "dozening and dictatorial" tactics during surprise raids at farms.

At the heart of the dispute is the Inland Revenue's proposal to charge individual farmers, from April, for the tax and National Insurance contributions of "gangmaster" labour (when casual workers form a team under one man and move from farm to farm, undertaking such work as vegetable picking).

The proposal is opposed by the CLA and also by the National Farmers' Union, which has put to the Government

an alternative proposal to register the gangmasters as agencies and make them responsible for payments.

The CLA yesterday said the activities of the revenue's Sheffield-based agricultural compliance unit had angered farmers and landowners.

"In one incident on a Lancashire farm, a group of 10 officials arrived at a field from which vegetables were being picked and used a video camera to interview casual workers, farm employees and the farm owner," the CLA said.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue last night denied investigators had been involved in the incident on the Lancashire farm or in "any similar operations".

He said teams from the specialist unit in Sheffield had been visiting large farms and produce packagers for the past two years because of the widespread abuse of the casual labour system in agriculture; the unpaid tax liability of gangmasters alone was put at £2 million a year.

"We plan to tax the farmers because,

under the PAYE scheme, it is the person responsible for the day-to-day management of the labour force who is liable. The gangmaster may be providing the labour, but it is the farmer who is responsible for the day-to-day management."

● Farmers are to receive government help with the cost of swapping fertilizers and pesticides for organic methods (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, yesterday announced plans for a five-year pilot scheme of cash incentives for producers switching from intensive farming to "green" production, which is increasingly popular with consumers.

The cash will come from the Government and the EC, which already runs an "extensification" scheme, providing funds for farmers prepared to reduce production in order to cut surpluses.

The National Farmers Union welcomed the plan and said there was a general consensus that organic farming in Britain should be increased.

Europe-wide network to woo business travellers

From Harvey Elliott, Brussels

Business travel in Europe could be revolutionized under plans to turn Brussels into an aviation junction linking cities from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.

The new Sabena World Airlines (SWA), in which British Airways has a 20 per cent stake, will fly from regional cities such as Bristol or Norwich in four waves each day, guaranteeing that no passenger has to wait more than one hour, 45 minutes for any onward connection.

The first wave will arrive at Brussels early in the morning, coming back within two hours. The aircraft will then return to Brussels in the early evening to collect passengers and take them home.

The network, which will involve redevelopment of Brussels airport, is expected to be operating by 1995, linking 75 cities with populations of more than 250,000.

The plan, outlined in Brussels yesterday by the Sabena chairman, Mr C. Van Rafeleghem, is bound to lead to conflict in the European Commission. Mr Michael Bishop, the British Midland chairman, has described the new airline as "anti-competitive" and hopes that Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, will either block the scheme or impose strict conditions. But Mr Van Rafeleghem said yesterday that he did not believe the commission would want to interfere.

Sabena, which holds a 60

per cent stake in the enterprise, is determined to remain in control of the new subsidiary, even though British Airways has invested £34 million in it. The remaining 20 per cent stake is held by the Dutch airline KLM.

● The creation of a 300-mile network of priority Red Routes to ease traffic congestion throughout London could fail because of "poor enforcement", the RAC said yesterday. (Our Transport Correspondent writes).

Mr David Worslett, the RAC's public affairs director, said the scheme unveiled by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, lacked imagination and was a piecemeal solution that failed to recognize that London's traffic required proper coordination.

Under the scheme, to be monitored by a Traffic Co-ordinator, arterial routes into the capital would be designated primary routes, with severe restrictions on stopping and loading.

But while welcoming the initiative, Mr Worslett told a one-day seminar organized by the RAC to discuss the proposals: "The problems are too severe to be resolved by reliance on simple solutions."

Mr Worslett accused the Government of continuing to see London as a series of villages, and of failing to appreciate the need for "strong co-ordination and centralized control" of traffic management.

The actor remembered for his professionalism



Gordon Jackson, who died on Sunday, will be best remembered for his television roles in *Upstairs, Downstairs* (top left, with Angela Baddeley) and *The Professionals* (below right, with Martin Shaw and Lewis Collins). Among his many films were *Tunes of Glory* with Sir Alec Guinness (top right) and *Whisky Galore* with James Robertson Justice and Gabrielle Blunt.



Anonymous testing for Aids virus begins

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Anonymous testing of patients' blood samples for traces of the Aids virus began yesterday at 10 antenatal clinics and five clinics for sexually transmitted diseases.

By the end of the year up to 250,000 people will have had samples analysed in a government scheme that will run for many years. Blood samples taken for other reasons will also be screened for antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV.

None of the patients will know the results of the tests. Only the patient's age, sex, and the locality of the clinic will be known to laboratory staff.

The first phase of the scheme will involve 120,000 pregnant women and 30,000 patients from sexual diseases clinics. This will be followed

by tests on 100,000 patients at general hospitals.

Britain and the United States are the only countries to introduce anonymous testing. The aim is to assess the prevalence of the virus.



Sir Donald Acheson: Tests "cause patients no harm".

particularly among the young heterosexual population.

The surveys will help scientists to produce more accurate predictions about the number of people becoming infected with HIV. This will help the Government to plan prevention activities and health services.

Leaflets available at the clinics make it clear patients can opt out if they have objections, while those who take part will not have any difficulty obtaining a mortgage or life insurance.

Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, has said there is no reason why people should be anxious about taking part: "their identities will never be known and no possible harm can come to them from having the test". The number of

people known to be infected with HIV in Britain is 11,676, although the real figure is believed to be much higher.

● Most children know the facts of life by the time they are aged 14 but are unhappy about the way they are told, according to research published today.

The survey for Mates Healthcare, the contraceptive company, shows that 60 per cent felt their mothers should have told them while only 32 per cent said their mothers had done so.

Fathers had told 11 per cent, but 42 per cent said fathers should play a bigger role in sex education.

Nearly 50 per cent of the 288 respondents, aged 16 to 19, thought the classroom was the right place to learn the facts of life. Only 5 per cent

thought friends were the best people to pass them on, although 40 per cent said they had heard from friends first.

Four in 10 of those interviewed, who were allowed to give more than one answer, said they had been told by teachers.

Seventeen per cent said they had learnt about sex through books and magazines, 2 per cent had been told by doctors, but 15 per cent thought they should have been.

One teacher said: "We teach them the heart, the liver and respiratory system of a human being and the reproductive organs of a rabbit."

"No wonder they get odd ideas about sex."

Water snail 'clue' to woman's killing

A tiny water snail found embedded in the shoe of a man accused of murder is a vital part of the evidence against him, a jury at Stafford Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Jeffrey Mottram, aged 32, of Curzon Place, Rugeley, Staffordshire, is accused of strangling Mrs Martha Stevens, whose half-clothed body was found in a stream.

Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that the Crown would be calling a zoologist from the Natural History Museum in London to show that Mr Mottram could have picked up the snail only from the stream.

The prosecution claims that Mrs Stevens, aged 38, of Frank Geo Close, Rugeley, had been drinking with Mottram and they were seen

staggering together towards the stream. Her body was found the next morning.

Earlier Mottram had been trying to kiss Mrs Stevens in a public house. "He had had a great deal to drink and was sexually interested in her."

The jury were told that Mrs Stevens had been beaten across the face and head before she was strangled and dumped in the water.

A bloodstained man's watch, which the prosecution says belonged to Mr Mottram, was found near by.

Mr Mottram was arrested three days later after detectives spotted him crouching in his garden. He admitted he had been drinking with Mrs Stevens but said he left the public house alone.

The trial continues today.

Waldorf wins libel damages

Mr Stephen Waldorf, who was mistakenly shot by police hunting David Martin, a dangerous criminal, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Frank Carter, former Flying Squad chief, had wrongly alleged in his book *The Sharp End* that Mr Waldorf was a friend of Martin.

Mr Geoffrey Shaw, Mr Waldorf's counsel, said: "This was not true they had never even met."

● Police Constable Edward Thomas won "substantial" libel damages from the magazine *Private Eye* over an accusation in October 1987 of a serious breach of duty regarding a prosecution for assault.

● Mr Kenneth Aldous, a former prison officer at Long Lartin Prison, Worcestershire, won "substantial" libel damages over allegations in *The Sun* of extorting money from prisoners.

Pilot injured

An investigation was launched into how a microlight aircraft with a trainee pilot at the controls crash-landed in Hucknall in Nottinghamshire. The pilot broke both legs.

Book dropped

Brought to Light, a book about the CIA in Central America, has been withdrawn from sale by WH Smith because it shows how to make petrol bombs.

Ferry jobs

Over 300 jobs will be created at Poole, Dorset, when a new ferry service to Bilbao in northern Spain starts in April.

Camera check

Automatic video cameras are to be used for the first time to monitor motorists "jumping" hazard lights warning at a level crossing. The cameras will record car number plates at the crossing in Colwick, Nottinghamshire.

Two accused of murder

Couple 'killed by grandson'

A teenager murdered his grandparents in their beds as he burgled their home for a few hundred pounds, a court heard yesterday.

Mr Mark Haspell, aged 18, and his friend, Mr Mark Wainwright, aged 22, battered and strangled Mr Bill Haspell, aged 76, and suffocated his wife, Lorna, aged 71, two days after visiting them for a cup of tea, Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Haspell, of Winsford, Cheshire, and Mr Wainwright, also of Winsford, deny murdering Mr and Mrs Haspell at their home in Whitley Avenue, Barton, near Northwich, Cheshire, on February 28 last year.

Mr Thomas told Mold Crown Court: "Mr Haspell was beaten over the head with a wooden stick and strangled. When he was dead, his wife was attacked in her room

and she, too, was smothered.

"The particular horror of this case is that the person who did the smothering was their grandson."

Mr Thomas said the motive had been to steal meagre bits and pieces of jewellery, worth £271.50, and the few hundred pounds in cash that were kept in the house.

On Sunday, February 26, two days before the murder, the two men had visited the couple and had a cup of tea at their house.

The plan to burglar the grandparents' home had been formulated either just before or immediately after the visit, Mr Thomas said. The men had bought a glass cutter from a DIY store and brought in a friend so that they could use his car.

On the night of the murder, they had parked outside a pub half a mile from the house. The friend remained in the car

while Haspell and Wainwright broke into the house.

Mr Thomas said Mr Haspell, a retired river pilot, was later found lying in his bed with severe head wounds and there were splashes of blood on the wall. The injuries were caused by a wooden draught excluder, he said.

Mr Haspell suffered two severe blows to the head, others consistent with being punched, a two-inch cut to the side of his head, and a pattern of blood across his mouth consistent with having been struck by a gloved hand. He had been suffocated.

Mr Thomas said Mrs Haspell was found dead in her bed. She had been smothered. The ribbed pattern of Mr Haspell's gloves, later recovered from a canal, was consistent with blood stains found on the victims' mouths.

The case is expected to last for more than a week.

Aston Martin is quickest off the marque

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John Shaw

A classic Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato which has "grown old gracefully" since its racing days in the early sixties is expected to make over £1.5 million at auction at Castle Donington, Leicestershire, on February 8.

The car, "1 VEV", and its sister "2 VEV", were the best known of only 19 Zagato two-door coupes built by Aston Martin. They were special lightweight competition cars and belonged to John Ogier's private Essex racing stable team, which specialized in running factory-supported Astons for some of the finest drivers of the period.

The Aston Martin is being sold by Mr Robert Brooks, a former Christie's car specialist who has his own car auction house. He was to have sold "2 VEV" last autumn, "but the

"The rear arches were flared to take wider wheels, but apart from that it has grown old gracefully in his garage," Mr Brooks said.

"When he came to us we suggested some minor restoration. The rear arches had been put back, but there is very little new aluminium. It was a superb car and has retained its original body and block. It has an excellent provenance and represents a special part of British motor racing history in the GT field."

Mr Brooks sold 40 classic cars for £7.1 million at his inaugural sale at the Earls Court Motor Fair last October, which he claims was the most realized at an auction of its type in Britain.

He is offering three Aston Martins among 45 cars, which are expected to make more

than £3 million altogether. The Aston marque has become a market leader in the classic car field.

One of the others offered by Mr Brooks is a 1956 DBSS, one of only 19 fixed-head coupes built. The first owner was the late Max Aitken, son of Lord Beaverbrook and a keen driver. The estimate is £600,000-£800,000.

Mr Brooks is also selling a 1961 DB4GT, styled by Touring of Milan, which is one of only 75 made by the David Brown company. Its estimate is £340,000-£380,000. The sale includes a 1927 Austin sports (estimate £18,000-£22,000), a 1960 Austin Healey "Sebring" Sprite, which carries an estimate of £25,000-£35,000, and a 20hp Rolls-Royce, expected to fetch £50,000-£60,000.

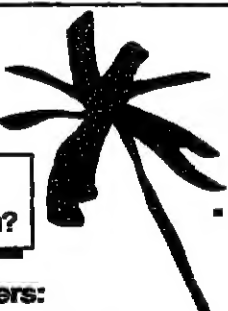
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Now listen to the manner in which the two forms of disease act (primary) and vyadhi (secondary), are destroyed in two ways. The wise say that primary disease has two sub-divisions: samanya (ordinary) and sara (essential). The former includes the diseases incidental to the body, while the latter the rebirth to which men are subject. If the diseases which afflict this body return to their primal source, then they are destroyed. Their primary causes being (bad) thoughts, if these thoughts are destroyed all bodily diseases will vanish. But the disease of rebirth, coming under the head of sara, will never end except through Atma-jnana (self-realization). Is it possible to suppose that the misapprehension of a serpent in a rope can be removed except through the discovery of the real rope? But those grievous diseases of the body which do not arise through the original cause can be extirpated by Mantras, medicine and the many means used by men well versed in medical lore. I need not expatiate on this subject any further here. - Sage Vasistha



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Solicitors propose new law to reduce county court delays

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society and the National Consumer Council want new laws imposing minimum standards on the county courts in England and Wales, where delays have reached a "crisis level".

The two bodies are backing a new clause to the courts and legal services Bill, which starts its committee stage in the Lords today, aimed at ensuring minimum standards of service in those courts.

They also want court officials' mistakes to be subject to scrutiny by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

The state of the county courts is, in addition, being raised by the Bar, which is to press for an amendment providing that the Lord Chief Justice, as well as the Lord Chancellor, is satisfied that court arrangements are adequate.

There is widespread criticism of the delays in the county courts which are struggling with big workloads and acute staff shortages.

In a briefing paper to peers the Law Society, which represents solicitors, says: "The major problem with the civil courts is that serious under-

standing has led to unacceptable delays in the county courts." The delays affect the time taken before a court hearing can be arranged, and the issuing of summonses and other court orders, processing bills and replying to letters.

"This crisis threatens to imperil the Lord Chancellor's policy of transferring more work to the county courts," the Law Society says.

The crisis is unnecessary, it adds. The county courts already make a substantial profit: court fees exceeded running costs by £6 million last year, and court users would prefer to pay slightly more for a reasonable service than the present level for a poor service, it says.

Under the society's proposed new clause the Lord Chancellor would have to set court staffing levels sufficient to meet agreed standards of performance; court fees would be set at the level needed to meet the costs involved.

"Since the costs would be covered by court fees, it would cost the taxpayer nothing," the society says.

The National Consumer Council (NCC) says the move

Cellist marks end of search for sponsor

by Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent



Alexander Baillie plays the Guarnerius cello, valued at about £200,000, on loan for his life.

A brilliant young cellist will today demonstrate the £200,000 instrument lent to him for life after a two-year search for a sponsor.

Alexander Baillie will perform works by Beethoven, Brahms and Britten on the instrument made by Joseph Guarnerius at the Wigmore Hall in London.

It has been lent to Mr Baillie by an anonymous millionaire Wall Street broker. "It is a dream come true," he said, "I no longer have to struggle with a double mortgage."

The concert marks the end of an exhausting search for a friendly bank manager or sponsor to help him out. Like hundreds of professional musicians, he had insufficient cash to buy a cello of the suitable quality to match his skills, as musical instrument prices have soared.

He produced a press release which asked: "Would you like to invest in a magnificent Guarnerius cello?"

It promised that whoever bought shares could expect a 22 per cent minimum yearly growth in value, as well as "recognition" for those who wanted it in the form of publicity in the media.

At first the play appeared to fail. Bank managers refused to lend on musical instruments and investors did not have the necessary nerve.

Meanwhile, what Mr Baillie calls the "brain drain" abroad of top-quality instruments

continued, with investors storing the instruments in bank vaults. A Guarnerius, by Joseph's son, which Mr Baillie himself originally hoped to buy, was sold to Switzerland.

However, then the second cello came on the market and the offer from the anonymous sponsor.

According to Mr Charles Beare, the dealer who has acted as agent for both instruments, the one Mr Baillie is using is the better, made in Cremona around 1700. Its tone, he said, is "mellow yet powerful".

Mr Beare's father had sold it in the 1950s to a doctor who

Why is it banks will not lend for these instruments?

played it as a hobby before his death three years ago. The new arrangement, he said, was "wonderful" because Mr Baillie had got the use of the cello "and the man who bought it has got a useful investment".

Despite his delight in the outcome of his quest, Mr Baillie is still campaigning fiercely for more support for musicians in Britain.

"Why is it that our country remains the only one in the Western world where the main banks are not sufficiently convinced of the value of these instruments to grant loans to enable musicians to buy them?" he asks.

Language lessons 'a waste of time'

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Schools are wasting time by giving lessons to encourage children to learn a foreign language, according to a report published by the schools inspectors yesterday. Some may even damage children's ability to learn a language.

The inspectors say some language awareness courses gave a "watered down and fragmented experience of language learning which severely compromised standards of achievement in the first two or three years of the secondary school".

Some of the 36 secondary schools visited by the inspectors showed some benefits, but the inspectors say these were generally too slight to justify the time spent on the course.

"Many were superficial and had no clear rationale for developing the pupils' understanding of language."

The inspectors say there is no evidence that the lessons, introduced in the early 1980s and now run in about 10 per cent of secondary schools, actually encourage children to

learn a foreign language. They say: "The pace and style of the foreign language lessons in the schools which taught language awareness were not distinctive in any way."

The present form of the courses is likely to be abandoned as the lessons become part of the national curriculum, which insists that every pupil between 11 and 16 must learn a foreign language.

The problem seems to be worse in rural schools where, the inspectors say, pupils had "little or no knowledge of the range of languages spoken in Britain or the world".

Children were also let down by "weaknesses in the teacher's own knowledge". Just under a third of the lessons were considered to be poor or unsatisfactory; some were dull and took place in a restless atmosphere.

A Survey of Language Awareness and Foreign Language Tutor Courses, by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools (Department of Education and Science, Honeywell Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1AZ; free).

Another bridge fall as council acts

By Peter Davenport

Police were last night investigating the death of another victim of a bridge in the seaside town of Scarborough which has claimed 47 lives in the past 20 years, four of them this month.

The body of an unidentified woman, aged about 35, was found in the road below Valley Bridge in Scarborough yesterday, the day that officials of the local council, criticized by a coroner for failing to make the bridge safe, published proposals to prevent more deaths.

Mr John Trebble, chief executive of Scarborough Borough Council, North Yorkshire, had earlier announced plans for a safety barrier and for the erection of a temporary network of scaffolding and netting in the meantime.

The plans are to be discussed by the environmental health and control committee later this week.

The 80ft bridge, which

crosses a main road near the seafront, is a favourite spot for suicides, although some of the 47 deaths were accidental. Earlier this month, there were three deaths: a girl aged 17 fell from a rope strung under the bridge during a birthday party and a man aged 23 fell from the bridge with his daughter, aged two.

Mr Michael Oakley, the coroner, criticized the council for the lack of safety measures at the inquests on Mr Stephen Jeffery, a British Rail trackman, and his daughter, Kelly Ann Wilkinson. He had written to the council expressing his concern last year.

The proposed safety barrier consists of a steel "basket" slung under the bridge. It will have curved railings to prevent anyone caught in the net from throwing themselves out again. The scheme will cost about £80,000.

The council is also to spend £4,000 on new railings.

Welsh television actor faces murder charge

Clive Roberts, an actor in the Welsh language soap opera *Pobol y Cwm* on S4C television, was accused of murder yesterday.

Mr Roberts, aged 45, was charged at Caernarfon crown court, Gwynedd, with the murder of Miss Elinor Roberts, aged 34, a television production assistant with whom he lived.

He denied the charge.

Mr Gareth Williams, QC, for the prosecution, said the jury might be satisfied that Mr Roberts had been an alcoholic for some years. On the night last March that Miss Roberts died, the couple had returned to the home they shared at Lou Ffynnon, Port Dinorwic, near Bangor, after visiting a public house and a club in the village.

Later a woman neighbour had heard raised voices,

thumping, and a woman shouting, screaming and crying in Welsh: "Don't hit me."

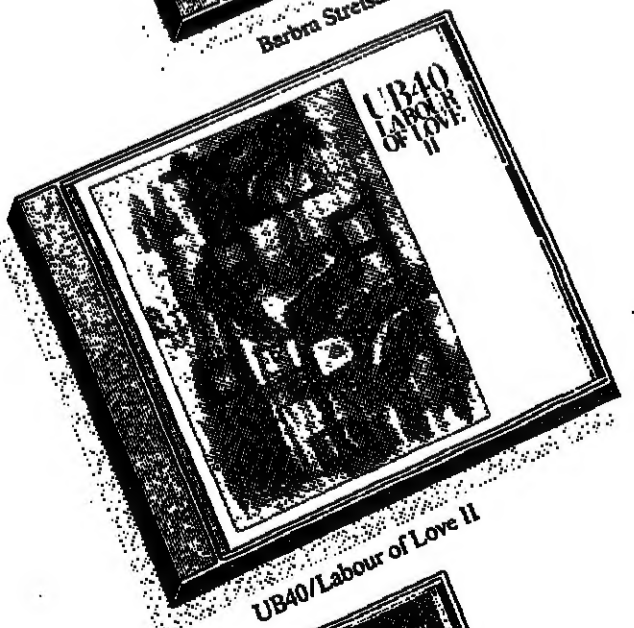
Mr Williams said: "The prosecution say the sound of thumping was the defendant killing Elinor Roberts, striking her repeatedly with a chair or parts of it."

Mr Williams said that three hours later, Mr Roberts called an ambulance and was alleged to have told an ambulance man: "She came home last night and she had been fighting." Mr Williams said: "That is not true. She had not been fighting."

He said a pathologist would testify that some injuries were consistent with her being struck with a blunt instrument such as part of the chair, and others with kicks and the use of a knife.

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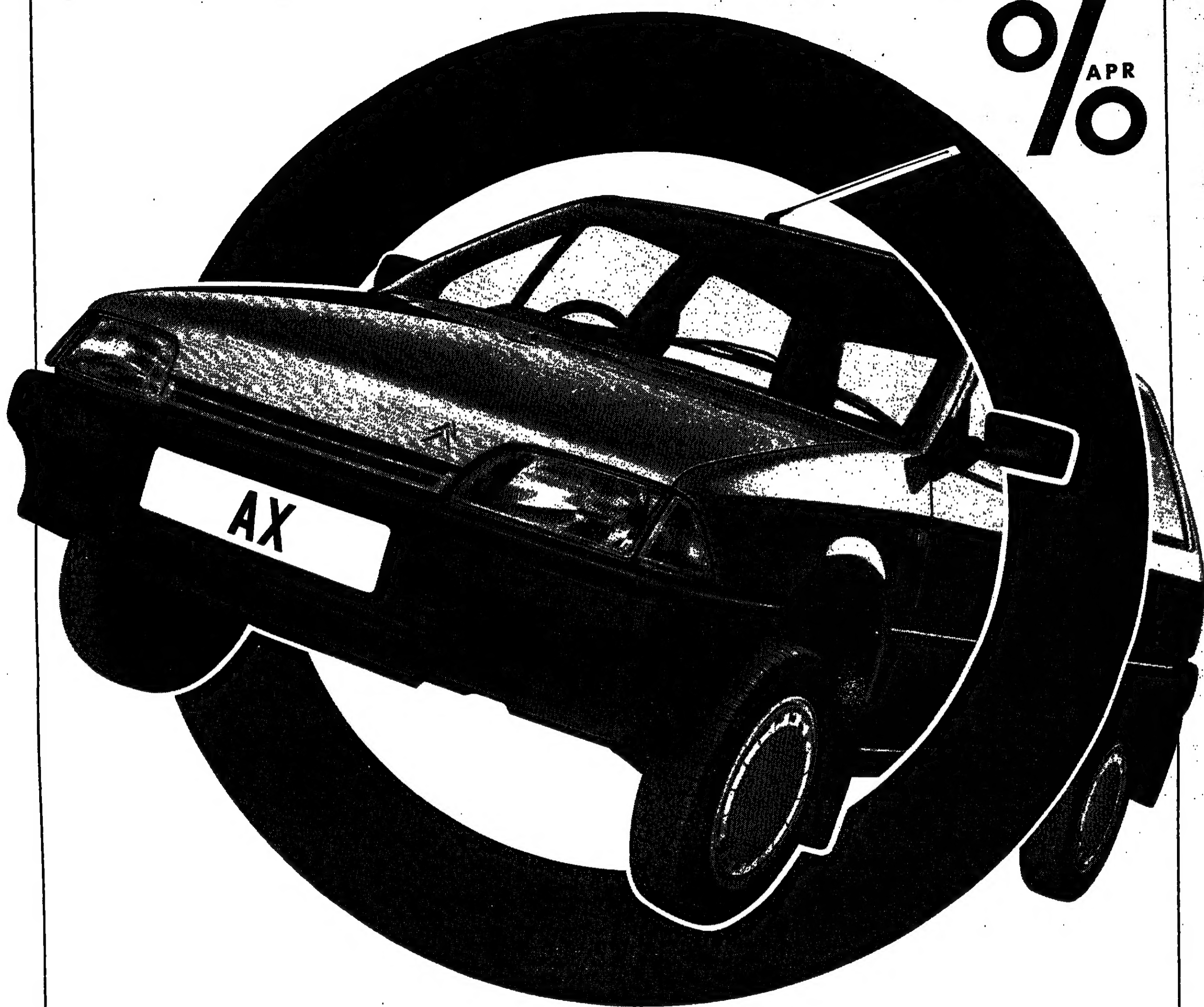
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Inquiry sought into claims of assaults against boat people

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Hong Kong

Amnesty International yesterday demanded an impartial inquiry into claims that Vietnamese boat people seeking asylum in Hong Kong had been beaten, kicked, seized by the throat and confined to metal "punishment cells".

With 17 other human rights and religious groups, Amnesty strongly criticized the British and Hong Kong governments over their policy of compulsory repatriation of the boat people. But Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, on the third day of his visit to Hong Kong, also faced demands for the policy to be continued or toughened.

In a memorandum to the two governments, Amnesty said there were "critical shortcomings" in the screening process to decide which boat people qualify as refugees and which should be sent back.

It called for an impartial investigation into "a continuing pattern of incidents where police and other officers have allegedly assaulted detained asylum-seekers and intimidated victims and witnesses".

Mr Hurd will today see interviews in progress at Hei Ling Chau detention centre where, according to Amnesty, 100 asylum-seekers were beaten or kicked by Correctional Services Department personnel in July, 1988.

It said that an internal inquiry had found no evidence, but a later independent investigation had concluded that unnecessary force had

been used. Amnesty added that in another incident asylum-seekers were seized by the throat and their noses and mouths squeezed shut.

It also expressed concern about "punishment cells" consisting of sub-divided metal cargo containers with no electricity, plumbing or furniture.

It reiterated previous appeals to the Government to stop the policy. Mr Hurd said he had not read the report.

Mr Geoffrey Barnes, Hong Kong's Secretary for Security, described the Amnesty criticisms as "unfounded". He said the Hong Kong Government was committed to operating the screening process fairly and the Vietnamese were given the benefit of any doubt. He also denied allegations that police or Correctional Services Department staff had ill-treated inmates.

The organization repeated previous criticisms that the boat people received no legal advice when interviewed and were not allowed to attend subsequent appeal hearings. It said six "legal monitors" from the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were able to monitor only a small proportion of the 400 screening interviews carried out each week.

In another move, a group of lawyers, including two Americans, a Briton and about 40 from Hong Kong, is to seek a judicial review of the screening process.

As Mr Hurd arrived last

night for talks at Hong Kong's Legislative Council building, representatives of 17 local religious and human rights organizations demonstrated against the policy. In a petition they urged the Government to end it and to offer asylum to the 51 people sent back to Vietnam last month. Two Roman Catholic demonstrators, who said they had visited inmates in two detention centres, criticized the attitude of the Correctional Services Department staff.

"These people are rough and rude. They treat them (the inmates) as if they were rubbish," they said. They also said the inmates suffered from poor food, inadequate sanitation and a lack of privacy.

Mr Hurd, however, was in no mood to soften the policy which has proved popular with most Hong Kong Chinese people. In a keynote speech to the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, he said: "Hong Kong cannot be expected to cope indefinitely with an endless stream of immigrants from Vietnam. It is therefore imperative that we find effective ways of deterring this futile exodus."

Later he implicitly rejected appeals to change the policy by telling a meeting of Kwun Tong District Board, a large local council: "I do not believe that voluntary repatriation (alone) will solve the problem." Five board members said they all wanted the policy to be continued or toughened.

New battle for Cambodia begins in Paris



Cambodian guerrillas clamber over a Soviet-built tank as they celebrate the fall of Pnom, a north-west town, where they will set up their own independent administration. At the same time in Paris, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council yesterday began their conference on the future of Cambodia (Philip Jacobson writes).

Security Council's permanent members had "particular responsibilities" for trying to maintain peace in the world. Some of those present, he noted, could exercise "an important influence" over the protagonists — a clear reference to the military and diplomatic backing of the Soviet Union and the Chinese for opposing factions in Cambodia.

The main focus of discussions is expected to be on the so-called "Evans plan", put forward by Australia last November following the collapse of the 19-nation Cambodia conference held in Paris in August. This sets out

a framework under which the UN would assume responsibility for running Cambodia pending supervised elections.

There have recently been slight but significant indications that even the most stubborn parties here are moving towards acceptance of the Evans formula. One reflection of that shift can be found in an open letter addressed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of one of the guerrilla factions, to "the free world powers who are preparing to abandon support for the Cambodian resistance".

The big powers should concentrate

on halting "Vietnamese expansion and colonialism" in Cambodia through Hanoi's "puppet" Government there, he said.

The Prince argued that it was "simplistic" to assume that the Khmer Rouge could be excluded from influence in any settlement.

As the talking started, there were unconfirmed reports that the Khmer Rouge forces were intensifying their attack on the country's second city, Battambang. If it falls and is proclaimed the "alternative capital", say diplomats, the work of the conference could come to nothing.

Ankara disrupted by smog

Ankara (Reuters) — Schools closed, flights were delayed and industries causing pollution reduced operations as smog enveloped Ankara. Visibility at the airport was down to 100 yards, and health authorities ordered smoke-belching factories "hazardous to public health" to operate at 50 per cent of capacity.

Cyprus talks

Nicosia (Reuters) — Mr Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish-Cypriot leader, has bowed to American pressure and accepted a UN invitation to New York for fresh talks about reunifying Cyprus.

Wrong target

Windhoek (Reuters) — An Angolan fighter aircraft bombed a village in northern Namibia after the pilot apparently mistook it for an Angolan rebel base. No one was hurt, police said.

Runcie visit

Islamabad (AP) — Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to arrive for his first visit to Pakistan, a predominantly Muslim country, on February 2.

Miners die

Warsaw (Reuters) — Two miners injured in a gas explosion last week in Poland's deepest coal mine have died in hospital from severe burns, raising to 10 the number killed.

Pope has flu

Rome (Reuters) — The Pope has the virulent strain of influenza that hit Europe more than a month ago and has cancelled his forthcoming engagements.

Robbery blast

Bologna (Reuters) — At least 23 people were injured by an explosion at Bologna's central post office during an armed robbery by two masked men.

Shamir's plan for occupied lands Setback to US peace hopes

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

America yesterday accused Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, of setting back the chances for peace in the Middle East, while his Labour coalition partners claimed that his Likud party was trying to use the growing influx of Soviet bloc Jews to create a "Greater Israel".

Both charges arise out of Mr Shamir's statement that Israel must hold on to the occupied Arab territories of the West Bank and Gaza to provide space to house Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union and other parts of Eastern Europe.

But an unrepentant Mr Shamir insisted that an Israeli withdrawal was ruled out "because we need the space to house all these people". Israel would be "bigger, better and stronger" because of immigration, he said.

Some observers say that the

new immigration, or *aliya*, is undermining the "demographic argument" advanced by the left that, if Israel annexes the West Bank and Gaza, Israeli Jews would be outnumbered by Arabs in an expanded Jewish state.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Deputy Prime Minister and Labour leader, yesterday denounced Mr Shamir's statement. "We need *aliya* for the sake of *aliya*, not to solve any other problem," he said, adding that the new arrivals should strengthen the existing Jewish state and help to make peace with the Palestinians.

It is too early to say how many of the one million or so Soviet bloc Jews expected here over the next three to five years will settle in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Absorption Ministry says the numbers who have chosen to do so are so far

"insignificant"; many Russian immigrants prefer urban living to the rural life of the Jewish settlements.

Mr Peres said the democratization of Eastern Europe would lead to the downfall of Arab dictators as the Arab peoples came to imitate the uprisings there. But Mr Shamir, speaking to Likud veterans, went further, saying that the Arabs were "in a mood of defeat, stricken with fear".

He said: "They see the success of Zionism, and have no answer to it, no cure," adding that the new Soviet immigrants would alter the state of Israel out of all recognition within five to 10 years, and would make a Palestinian state unrealistic.

The new *aliya* was "one of those miracles which have always rescued the Jewish people," Mr Shamir declared.

Bank threatens to reveal CIA links with Noriega

From Charles Bremner, New York

The legal tangle around the prosecution of General Manuel Noriega thickened yesterday with word that lawyers for an international bank charged with money-laundering were threatening to reveal details of payments by the US Government to the former Panamanian leader.

The lawyers for the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, whose executives go on trial today in Florida, say they will argue that millions of dollars in the general's accounts came not from drug trafficking but from secret payments by the Central Intelligence Agency and other US bodies.

The bank, which is owned by interests in the Middle East and based in Luxembourg, last year became the first bank to be charged in the US with conspiring to aid drug trafficking through the manipulation

of secret accounts. General Noriega was not mentioned in the initial indictment, which stemmed from an undercover operation carried out by US agents in Panama and the US.

Prosecutors have since gathered documents which show that the general controlled some \$23 million (£13.7 million) of personal and government accounts at various branches of the bank, including the ones in Panama, London, Hamburg, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

The bank's lawyers have accused the Government prosecutors of entrapping its executives through "outrageous" conduct.

In court papers obtained by *The New York Times* yesterday, the lawyers said that, if the prosecutors persisted in interjecting General Noriega into the case, they would seek secret government files to

"demonstrate that much of the money in the accounts in question came from US Government agencies, not drug transactions".

If they fail in their current attempts to prove that the US courts have no jurisdiction over the general, his lawyers are expected to play heavily on his 20-year-long record as a CIA "asset", a function for which he was paid at least hundreds of thousands of US government dollars.

According to legal experts, the issue may jeopardize the indictment, which revolves around the general's dealings with the traffickers of the Medellín cocaine cartel.

The judge in Miami has ordered that the lawyers involved on both sides must remain publicly silent about the classified files that are at the centre of the preliminary legal wrangling.

Heroes of ANC fly to Zambia

By Jan Raath

Eight senior members of the African National Congress, recently released from South African prisons, arrived in Lusaka, Zambia, yesterday for a week of talks with the party's externally based leaders, the first in a quarter of a century.

Mr Walter Sisulu, the former secretary-general of the ANC, said in Johannesburg shortly before he left that "the whole world is waiting" for the meeting, expected to presage negotiations between the ANC and Pretoria and transform the campaign for majority rule in South Africa.

In a surprise move last month, the Government granted passports to the eight, six of whom were imprisoned in 1962 for plotting the overthrow of the white Government.

Absent from the group is Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader who was jailed for life at the Rivonia trial with Mr Sisulu and his colleagues, but whose expected release soon from the Victor Verster prison outside Cape Town will probably take up much of the debate when the emotional reunions in Lusaka are over.

While the external leadership has held scores of meetings in the past two years with black and white South Africans, it is the first chance internal and external leaders have had to plan strategy for an end to apartheid.

As Mr Oliver Tambo, the current president, is being treated in a Swedish hospital for a "brain spasm", ANC sources are looking to Mandela as the man most likely to provide the unifying force it desperately needs.

● JOHANNESBURG: Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, the Coloured (mixed-race) policeman who accused white riot squad members of acting like "wild dogs", is to be prosecuted under the state of emergency regulations.

Boston family used racial fears to cover up wife-killing

From Peter Stothard, US Editor, Washington



Family support: Matthew Stuart and his father, Charles Stuart Sr.

Family and friends of Boston wife-killer Charles Stuart have been revealed as implicated in the crime which continues to shock a murder-hardened America.

As a grand jury begins to sift evidence for possible charges, new information has come to light about how the Stuart family helped both in the crime itself and in the cover-up plot which for 10 weeks blamed a "black assailant".

The family's lawyers have admitted that three brothers, two sisters, their spouses, friends and colleagues, either took part in the plot or withheld information about it.

Mr Matthew Stuart helped Charles by taking the murder weapon and other evidence from the scene of the crime in the black Mission Hill area of Boston. Another brother, Michael, had been asked by Charles for help in the plot some weeks before. A close friend,

Mr David MacLean, said that Charles Stuart had asked him for help in killing his wife, who was seven months pregnant.

Despite these grounds for suspicion, the Stuaarts allowed police to comb Mission Hill for the killer, leaving a trail of racial bitterness.

The city's police, press and public had been deceived by Charles "Chuck" Stuart's story of how a black gunman had shot him and his pregnant wife as they left a prenatal class. Only when Stuart committed suicide by jumping off a Boston bridge did the truth come out.

Matthew had gone to the police, it emerged, after his brother identified Mr Eddie Bennett, a habitual black criminal, as the killer. Carol's brother, Mr Carl DiMaio, has described how the Stuaarts paid a visit of condolence after the crime. "Can you believe that they came over to comfort my parents? It is just mind-boggling that they should allow us to visit Chuck, to cry over

him and pray for his recovery." Both Michael and Matthew Stuart were pallbearers for Carol. A business friend, who was hoping to start a restaurant with Charles Stuart, read the message from hospital in which the stricken husband affected to call on God's forgiveness for the killer. The restaurant was to be financed by the proceeds of Carol's life-insurance policies.

The new focus on the "crimes of the Stuaarts" marks a new phase in the affair. Although press and politicians accept that they were too ready to jump to the conclusion that "a nigger pulled the trigger", they are beginning to feel that their breast-beating on the charges of institutional racism may have gone too far.

It is time, according to Dr Robert Coles, a Harvard psychiatrist, to turn away from Boston's history of racial tension and to look at Stuart's special anti-social personality and family background.

"In most psychopaths there is

cruelty and callousness," Dr Coles said, "but Stuart outdoes that."

Charles Stuart, the \$100,000-a-year (£60,000-a-year) manager of an exclusive city shop, had come a long way from his training days as a fast food chef, and his father's life as a barman and insurance salesman.

His own business was due to be the next stage in the rise of a son of blue-collar Boston. But his prosperity depended also on Carol's earnings as a lawyer. He is said to have feared that, after the birth of their child, she would not want to return to work. Moreover, the cost of parenthood would destroy his hopes of further social and financial betterment.

To Bostonians, and increasingly throughout the US as the Stuart story spreads, the motive appears a ghastly perversion of the American dream. The almost successful cover-up shed an unwelcome light on the city's racial assumptions and clanish traditions of secrecy.

Martin Luther King has his day but the Klan goes marching on

From Susan Elliott, Pulaski, Tennessee

Set in the rolling hills of southern Tennessee, 18 miles from Nashville, the small town of Pulaski does not look like a place that would attract trouble.

Unmarked roads from Alabama meander through auburn woods past trailer homes and pick-up trucks. Roadside stalls offer hearty fare — fried peach pies, toasted corn and blackened catfish.

The road widens, passes a school and twists steeply past Jim's Diner, a stone Baptist church, a few restaurants and runs into the main square.

However, the image of film-set Dixie-land stops here. Pulaski is the birthplace of the Ku Klux Klan. Beneath the courthouse and white clock tower in the square, a crowd of about 300 Klansmen and skinheads gathered last weekend with other white supremacists to protest against the observance in most US states yesterday of the annual holiday in honour of Martin Luther King, the murdered black civil rights leader.

The Klan, dressed in robes of purple, gold, green and white, and wearing their trademark conical hats, explained the significance of the colours, which change according to rank in the secret organiza-

tion. Mr Keith Smith, whose large stomach filled his gold robe, said he was an Imperial Wizard. A man dressed in green, smoking a cigarette, introduced himself as a Grand Dragon. A muscular Klansman clad in black with a red cape grunted that he was "security".

The groups were virtually outnumbered by the police, reporters and television cameras. They played up to it. One six-year-old boy with a shaved head raised his right arm in a Nazi-style salute as he brandished a Confederate battle flag — a symbol of rebellion — in his other hand. His mother screamed for him to hold still for the photographer.

Klan parents dressed in white stood with their children, who wore similar outfits.

For all the jokes that were made about the "cone heads" and their "sheets", there was a sinister element to the gathering. A dozen police guards were parked at the square. The officers were armed, some carrying wooden truncheons 3ft long. State intelligence officials monitored the gathering as a police helicopter circled overhead.

On a side-street, at the Pulaski Bakery, a black waitress and cook looked nervous as several robed Klan supporters ordered coffee and rolls. Although

there were no arrests in Pulaski, the townspeople, usually noted for their Southern hospitality and easy-going ways, have had enough. Klan members have assembled in their town since 1915 and for the past four years have gathered at least once a year to celebrate a "homecoming". In recent years they

Coretta's dream

Athens (Reuters) — Mrs Coretta Scott King, speaking from the pulpit of her assassinated husband, Martin Luther King, announced plans for a world alliance of "non-violent" activist movements to fight for democracy and to end militarism, poverty and apartheid. In her annual "State of the Dream" address on continuing the black leader's work, she urged President Bush to divert a large part of the military budget to fight poverty, unemployment and hunger.

have been joined by the more violent skinheads, who base their appearance on British groups and other white supremacist organizations.

Town leaders say that Pulaski's image has become so bad that businesses do not wish to invest in the area and the town's economy is suffering. In an attempt to

quash the Klan's activity, a local judge last week forbade the Klan to march last Saturday in protest against the holiday. The judge cited a rule allowing only one parade per day. A newly formed group, Giles Countians Unite, which promotes racial harmony, had asked first.

The Klan was further riled that someone in the town had removed a plaque commemorating the founding of the organization in a Pulaski hotel in 1865 and re-nailed it to the wall of the building face down. Pastor Thom Robb, the national director of the Klan, accused the town of trying to get smart and vowed to march once a month for the next five months, starting on February 3.

Some Klan-watchers doubt that the group has the membership and resources to stage more frequent gatherings. Some white supremacists at the weekend had driven for up to 12 hours from their homes as far away as Chicago and Atlanta.

What is worrying, intelligence experts say, is that the racist groups seem to be gaining strength in pockets of the United States and some hard-core splinter groups seem to be forming. Before Christmas a wave of racially motivated bombings in the South raised specula-

tion that the Klan could be reviving its extremist activities.

Membership was estimated at three to five million in its heyday in the 1920s, but is now thought to be 5,000 to 7,000 at most. Some residents of Pulaski wonder if the judge's ban did not simply provide the Klan with more publicity than it had been allowed to march. Townspeople are split as to how to deal with the group, although civic leaders argue that a policy of silence has not worked.

"We ignored them the first few years," said Mr George Martin, a tall man in his sixties who works for a local radio station. "But we found out the hard way. The crowd grew larger and last year a policeman had to pull his gun because a skinhead got hurt on the head with a rock."

Mr Martin is concerned that the town's population has not grown from 8,000 in the 40 years he has lived there. Businesses do not want to be in Pulaski, he says, because it is the home of the Klan.

Eventually, the Klan was given permission last weekend to march in the nearby town of Lawrenceburg — around the statue of Davy Crockett in the main square. As marchers yelled their "white power" slogans, one youth, aged 18, was

arrested for disturbing the peace when he waved an American flag and called out "Freedom for all".

The people of Lawrenceburg (population 15,000) seemed untroubled by the rally and some families turned out to watch the procession. One salesman joked that a regular Klan rally might improve business. "If we could have one of these every six months we would be on the map, now wouldn't we?" he said. "We don't have sheets," he joked. "Maybe we ought to have ... sold them at half price."

Although the presence of the Klan in the area is not thought to be large, local people tell of incidents of acquaintances who employ blacks being harassed. Shop and farm owners have received threatening telephone calls and recently a van was driven up to the front windows of one employer's house and its headlights were shone inside at full beam for 20 minutes.

Nobody knows for sure who was responsible but people who visit Pulaski admit they are frightened when they go there. "It's scary," said one young man who asked not to be named. "You go to a restaurant and you look at the people and you ask yourself: 'Is that one of them?'"

Bulgaria ends party's power monopoly

From Michael Hornsby, Sofia

Bulgaria yesterday became the latest country in Eastern Europe to end the Communist Party's constitutionally guaranteed monopoly of political power, the main legal obstacle to the emergence of a multi-party parliamentary democracy.

The National Assembly, Bulgaria's parliament, which voted for the move without a single dissenter, also agreed to set up a working committee on further amendments to the Constitution, including whether Bulgaria should continue to call itself a socialist republic.

The assembly vote was welcomed as an "important first step" by opposition groups which have emerged since Mr Todor Zhivkov, the country's Stalinist former ruler, was ousted by reformist Communists just over two months ago. But they cautioned that the Communist Party's grip on power was still far from broken.

"It is an historic day because some of the legal text giving power to the Communist Party has been dropped," Mr Peter Beron, leader of Ecoglasnost, one of the new groups, said. "It does not mean that the power of the Communist Party is finished, because it is based not on law but on weapons and seizure of

power." The assembly voted to abolish two of the three paragraphs of Article 1 of the Constitution which described the Communist Party as "the guiding force in society and the state" and as heading "the construction of an advanced socialist society".

The assembly vote came a day after more than 50,000 people had taken part in the biggest pro-democracy demonstration the country has seen, in front of Aleksandr Nevsky Cathedral, near the assembly.

Some speakers in the debate, led by Mrs Milena Stamboliska of the Agrarian Party, which was once a subservient ally of the Communists but is now showing signs of independence, proposed that Paragraph 1 should be replaced by a new clause referring to Bulgaria as a "democratic republic".

Other Agrarian deputies went further. One, Mr Aleksandr Dimitrov, declared: "There is no bourgeois or socialist democracy. There is only democracy." Another, Mr Zhelo Zamirlikov, said: "Who asked the working class if it wanted the leading role in our country? If it had had the leading role, it would not have permitted the imprisonment of thousands of peasants in its name." But Communist Party



Mr Petar Mladenov, party First Secretary, and Mr Georgi Atanasov, the Prime Minister, at yesterday's Assembly session.

deputies opposed the immediate repeal of the whole of Article 1. An all-party working committee was eventually set up to draft a new definition of the Bulgarian state and to consider other constitutional amendments. In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Boiko Dimitrov, Bulgaria's Foreign Minister, said that he favoured retaining the reference to Bulgaria as a "socialist" state. "It is normal for coun-

tries to say what kind of state they are," he claimed. "If necessary, this could be decided by a referendum. In any case, after free elections, the new parliament could adopt a completely new Constitution." The new Communist leadership has promised free elections by the end of June and new laws permitting freedom of assembly and association are being prepared.

Soviet troop cut talks open in Czechoslovakia

From Peter Green, Prague

Czechoslovak and Soviet negotiators met here yesterday afternoon on the first of three days of talks to discuss a Czechoslovak demand that the Soviet Union should withdraw the 75,000 troops stationed in the country before the end of the year.

Moscow has kept its troops stationed in Czechoslovakia since they led an invasion by Warsaw Pact troops to crush the 1968 "Prague Spring".

Moscow has always claimed its troops intervened in 1968 at the Czechoslovak leaders' invitation, and the Czechoslovak call for the troops to go has removed all legitimacy from the Soviet presence.

The Soviet delegation to the talks, in the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry, is led by Mr Ivan Pavlovich Aboimov, the Deputy Foreign Minister; the Czechoslovak delegation is led by Mr Evzen Vacek, his Prague counterpart.

According to the Prague Foreign Ministry, the Soviet delegation numbers about 22 members; the Czechoslovak delegation about 25.

Diplomatic sources in Prague say the Czechoslovak side may be aware of having put the Soviet negotiators in a tight spot with their withdrawal call, and they are expected to proceed more cautiously in the current negotiations, seeking a consensus that would permit the Soviet Union to save some face, if and when there is a withdrawal.

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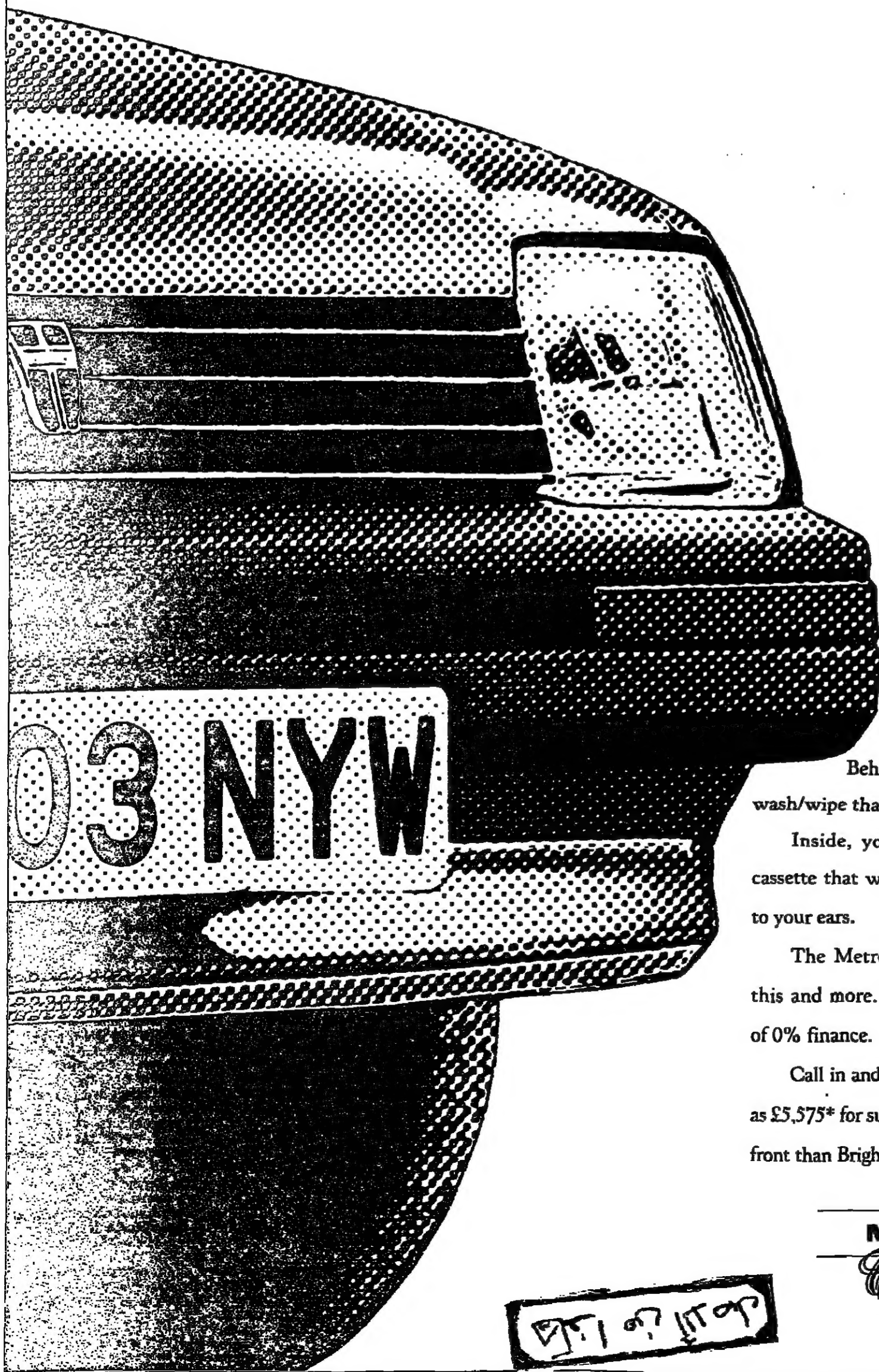
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Belgrade blamed for rumours by Albania

From Denna Trevisan, Belgrade

The Albanian Communist leader, President Ramiz Alia, yesterday accused Yugoslavia of instigating a slanderous campaign against the Albanian regime and dismissed newspaper reports of demonstrations, executions and emergency measures as "sheer fantasy".

He told Albanians that vigilance, now as in the past, was the only guarantee that the designs of foreign enemies would not come true.

"We must keep our powder dry so that nobody ever finds us unprepared," he told the workers of the Car and Tractor Factory in Tirana.

It was the first reaction from the Albanian leadership since reports and rumours began to circulate about growing tension and unrest in Albania.

The Yugoslav media, Mr Alia said, were providing the world with stories about

demonstrations in Shkoder, about large numbers of people being killed and even that four students were hanged in connection with the unrest.

All these reports were released by Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, which also claimed that emergency measures had been introduced following widespread unrest.

However, the Tanjug agency later retracted these reports but still continued to claim that something unusual was happening or about to happen in Albania.

A report in a Belgrade newspaper yesterday claimed that three Albanian frontier guards had fled to Yugoslavia and quoted one of them as saying that on the eve of reports about the demonstrations they had received orders to reinforce vigilance and that several soldiers and an officer were arrested.

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Lithuania rewards its independence champion

From Michael Binyon
Vilnius, Lithuania

Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, the leader of the breakaway Lithuanian Communist Party, was yesterday elected President of the republic's Parliament, a move that considerably strengthens his position and moves towards independence in advance of elections here next month.

A meeting of the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet yesterday voted overwhelmingly to make him the titular head of Lithuania in the wake of the unexpected resignation of Mr Vytautas Astrauskas, until now the President of the Supreme Soviet.

The move reflects the enormous popularity of the man who has defied the Soviet Communist Party by his declaration of independence, and who opens the way to Lithuania's first multi-party elections, to be held on February 24. Opinion polls now give Mr Brazauskas the Communist Party — whose programme has become virtually that of a social democratic party — 73 per cent of the vote, an astonishing rise from 16 per cent six months ago.

The one-day meeting of the Supreme Soviet discussed President Gorbachev's visit here, but showed no signs of moder-



Mr Brazauskas: Election as President reflect his enormous popularity.

ating Lithuania's demand or slowing the march to independence. Indeed, the 141 deputies were expected to retract their earlier decision to continue allowing Soviet soldiers stationed in Lithuania to vote in local elections.

This would give Lithuanians important reassurance that Moscow would not be able to undermine any elections or prevent radical movements emerging

by sending in thousands of soldiers from other republics to vote against pro-independence candidates.

Mr Brazauskas told President Gorbachev bluntly last week that Lithuania was ready to remain within the Soviet Union for only another three or four years. Even then he made tough conditions: Moscow would have to restructure the Politburo to include the Lithuanian party leader and those of all other 14 republics; Lithuania should be allowed to open its own embassies in other countries; and the Chamber of Nationalities in the Supreme Soviet in Moscow should be reconstituted so that an equal number came from each republic, instead of the present division according to population.

This model, like the United States Senate, would give the small republics considerably more weight at the expense of Russia, the largest.

With less than six weeks until the election, Sajudis, the umbrella nationalist movement, and other embryonic parties are having difficulty preparing for the multi-party vote. The Communist Party has split, and other independent candidates are grouping around parties proposed along the lines of their namesakes in the West: Christian Demo-

crats, Social Democrats, Centre Democrats and Greens.

There will be no party labels on the ballot forms, however, and so far the distinctions are blurred. Sajudis insists that it is a movement rather than a party, and will help candidates from various groups. It will not field anyone against Mr Brazauskas or other popular Communist supporters, independence, the only real issue here.

Candidates will be allowed television time, unless they are nationalist extremists or others outside the permitted framework. A multi-party system has not been formally set up, though the

Communist Party decision to abolish Article Six of the Constitution guaranteeing its monopoly of power effectively legalized other parties, as it has in the other two Baltic republics.

Lithuanians see a number of political consequences of Mr Gorbachev's visit. Although they believe he will play for time, they see independence coming by stages. The first would regain local control of the economy, severing central direction from Moscow, and putting trade with the rest of the Soviet Union on a contract basis in roubles, much as in Finland. Eventually the rouble would be replaced by a convertible litas, the

currency during the 1920-1940 period of independence.

The second step would be to stop compulsory military service in the Soviet Army. A law would allow conscientious objection for political or religious reasons, which would effectively be used by everyone. Already tentative soundings have begun on this highly controversial measure with military officials in Moscow.

Finally the republic would move towards full political independence.

Not everyone here wants separation from Moscow, however. But among the Poles, Russians and Belorussians, who make up 20 per cent of the population, is some alarm. Anti-Sajudis rallies have been organized by a group called *Yedinstvo*, Russian for "unity".

With equivalent Russian-speaking movements in Latvia and Estonia, it wants to keep the Baltic states within the Soviet Union and maintain the traditional communist system.

There is worry about Russian reaction, but no real fear. People believe President Gorbachev himself supports their strivings. "We have forced *perestroika* to go further," one candidate said. "If it was not for us, the whole process would come to a stop."

Moscow MPs to visit Britain

Mr Vadim Medvedev, the Kremlin's ideology chief, is to visit Britain next month at the head of a delegation of Soviet parliamentarians (Michael Kuiper writes).

He is expected to have discussions with Mrs Thatcher, giving her a chance to discover the Soviet leadership's attitude towards the ethnic and secessionist issues threatening President Gorbachev's reform programme. Mr Medvedev is leading a delegation

from the Soviet section of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. It was through such a visit in 1984 that Mrs Thatcher first met Mr Gorbachev and marked him out as someone with whom she felt she could do business.

Mr Medvedev is an economist by training and was at university with Mr Gorbachev. He is now one of the Soviet leader's closest political associates and has played a leading role in trying to resolve the crisis in Lithuania.

Bucharest retreats over poll date

From Christopher Walker
Bucharest

As Romania struggled to come to terms with the unfamiliar ground rules of democracy, it was announced by the ruling National Salvation Front yesterday that local press and television executives are to be sent to the West to study how free election campaigns are run, notably in the media.

The urgent study tours are to be undertaken amid growing pressure on the 145-strong Front to postpone the initial date of late April set for the elections.

Mr Anrel Munteanu, the official spokesman, said that although he was opposed to such a change "postponement might happen, if the political forces ask for it".

He denied previous suggestions by other Front leaders that postponement of the poll had been agreed in principle. His remarks followed threats by fledgling opposition parties of a general strike and boycott if the elections are not delayed until they have had time to organize properly.

Mr Munteanu, who heads Romanian television and radio, was speaking at a weekly briefing which demonstrated how little grasp the new Government has of the workings of democratic rule. He denied that this inexperience would affect its ability to stage an orderly referendum on the future of the Communist Party and capital punishment on January 28.

Mr Munteanu appeared embarrassed over the chaotic scenes last Friday night, shown live on TV, when leaders of the Front bowed to mob pressure to outlaw the party only to reverse that decision 24 hours later and announce the question would be put to a national vote.

"Everybody in this country has to learn about democracy, even the Government," he said. "We do not really yet have statesmen and politicians in this country. Like everyone else, they first have to learn the process of democracy."

Mr Munteanu denied a claim that Mr Fyotr Lush-



With his people: The Rev Laszlo Tokes, whose defiant sermons sparked off the Romanian revolution, returns to the pulpit.

insky, First Secretary of the Communist Party in the neighbouring Soviet republic of Moldavia, had postponed a planned visit during which he was to lobby against the decree outlawing the party. His denial followed a rash of diplomatic rumours that Moscow's hand was seen in the decision to reverse the abolition decree.

According to Mr Munteanu, there were no more than 1,000 demonstrators present but scores of Western newsmen who were there estimated the

crowd at between 7,000 and 10,000 strong.

The hint of Soviet influence followed earlier suggestions — denied but never effectively disproved — that the Kremlin played an important role in manipulating underground opposition to Nicolae Ceausescu's dictatorship.

Mr Dumitru Mazilu, the first deputy president in the Front Government, said yesterday he was taking legal action over press attacks linking him to Ceausescu's security police. Meanwhile, the

disarray inside the provisional Government has done nothing to stem the influx of European politicians anxious to establish the West's credentials and offer material help for reconstruction.

Yesterday it was the turn of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, to meet Front leaders. He will be followed in the next 24 hours by Mr William Waldegrave, a Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who arrived late yesterday, and Mr Sten Andersson, the

Swedish Foreign Minister.

Mr Sergiu Celac, the Romanian Foreign Minister, has expressed concern at the damage being done to Romania's new image by the fact that its first democratic act will be a referendum on reversing last month's abolition of the death penalty.

"Morte" ("Death") was howled by the mob at last Friday's demonstration, and quickly exacted the promise of a referendum, which most observers expect to support a return to the firing squad.

A funny thing happened on the way to freedom

From Christopher Walker
Bucharest

A Frenchman, a Russian and a Romanian are asked by Western journalists for their opinion on meat shortages.

"What is a shortage?" replies the Frenchman. "What is an opinion?" the Russian inquires. "What is meat?" asks the Romanian.

The overthrow of the Ceausescu dictatorship and the collapse of his ruthless intelligence network has opened the way to a flood of political jokes which are now being published and told openly in Romania for the first time in 24 years.

Most concern the terrible living conditions, the stupidity of Ceau-

escu's domineering wife Elena, and the sad performance of communism.

In an attempt to ensure that they are not quickly forgotten in the post-revolutionary chaos, a large selection were printed, along with cartoons, in the weekly supplement of the new Bucharest daily *Adavatul* (Truth).

"Excuse me," asked a listener to Radio Armenia, once a mainstay of anti-Brezhnev jokes in the Soviet Union, "is it true that you can die as a result of throat cancer?" The radio replied solemnly: "Yes, but unfortunately HE does not have it."

A delegation from the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, sent to investigate living conditions in Switzerland, is asked whether it would be possible to

build socialism there. "Yes," was the reply, "but it would be a great pity."

Romanians are proud that their underground humour was kept alive despite the best efforts of the Securitate. One young tour guide explained that after checking with the coach driver for bugs, he used to tell the jokes to American tourists, while making guided tours past Ceausescu's architectural follies.

One published yesterday concerned a visit to the Louvre by Mrs Ceausescu, whose peasant origins and bad taste were reflected in her vulgar but expensive personal effects.

After asking her guide about several pictures, all of which she identifies wrongly, she exclaims: "What a fantastic Picasso!" "Pardon me,

madam, but that is a mirror," the hapless guide replies.

Romania under Ceausescu provided a joke-makers' paradise because of the blatant way in which normal aspects of national life were doctored to paint a false picture.

Among the stories in *Adavatul* was one about a sow given by the dictator to a collective farm with orders for it to become a champion breeder. The litter numbered a single piglet, but the collective farm boss decided to falsify the total to six. The regional party head increased it to 12 and the Central Committee made it 16.

"We will have to be satisfied with that," the dictator said. "One of the piglets can go to export and the other 15 to the people."

Bonn warms to East Berlin as Modrow softens stance

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Bonn's irritation with the transitional East German Government has recently been "partially removed", Herr Hans Kohl, the West German Government's spokesman agreed yesterday after a special coalition meeting on developments in inner-German affairs.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, said last week that there was growing concern about political developments, particularly because proposals for organizing the general election on May 6 were too helpful to the communists, and because of plans to create a new secret police.

Since then Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, has promised to work closely with the opposition parties, and yesterday he agreed to take part in round-table discussions. He has also postponed plans for a new secret police force.

These moves by Herr Modrow were matched by the weekend announcement from Frau Christina Luft, the East

German Economics Minister, that the country was now ready to begin the transition to an efficient market economy.

This suggests that the Government has abandoned its efforts to find "a middle, socialist way" between capitalism and central planning. Along with the slow phasing out of subsidies, Frau Luft has ended restrictions on private ownership in all but the energy, transport and heavy industry sectors, opening the way for a West German-financed private sector.

Herr Kohl's strong stand on democracy and a market economy being preconditions for West German aid to East Germany appears to be doing him considerable good in domestic politics.

A new opinion poll shows that West Germany's big political parties are gaining support at the expense of smaller ones as a result of developments in East Germany. The poll, by Infratest, suggests that, as the important issue of reunification is coming more

and more under consideration, voters are less and less likely to register protest votes in favour of the little parties.

Instead they are turning to the big, established parties with experience in relations with East Germany.

The Infratest poll shows that Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats have done particularly well since the last comparable poll in September, when the first big flood of refugees began to arrive.

In the four months since then the party and the Christian Social Union, its sister group in Bavaria, have seen their support rise six points to 42 per cent.

This has allowed them to overtake the opposition Social Democrats who nevertheless also slightly improved their score from 39 per cent to 40 per cent.

The Free Democrats, junior partners in the government coalition, lost two points, falling to 7 per cent. The Greens also lost two points to 7 per cent.

Genghis Khan makes comeback as Mongolia's conquering hero

By James Pringle

Perestroika or *shinetchiel* (renewal), as it is called locally, is moving along rapidly in one of the world's most remote lands, the Mongolian People's Republic, which is also the world's second oldest communist state after the Soviet Union. And popular demands for reforms are keeping pace.

Several thousand people, belonging to the Mongolian Democratic Federation, a reformist group formed just over a month ago, gathered in Ulan Bator's biting cold at the weekend ago to call for the return from Moscow to Mongolia and trial of the country's Brezhnev, former President Yumjaagiin Tsedenbal, who was deposed in 1984 after nearly 40 years as party leader, Premier and President.

Mr Tsedenbal, who has a

domineering Russian wife, was blamed for slavishly following the Soviet Union in all fields (when he stirred out of his lassitude to do anything at all) — even though Mongolia is not a constituent republic of the Soviet Union, but an independent state.

It is unlikely extreme measures will be taken against Mr Tsedenbal, because he was already senile when deposed — he had lost his memory, officials in Ulan Bator told me last summer.

With Soviet aid, a revolution was staged in 1921 against the old order in Mongolia, and the MPR was founded in 1924. Only the first years are now seen as good ones. Five decades, from the mid-1930s to the mid-1980s, were a disaster story, ordinary Mongolians — even officials — now

say. They are racing to make up for lost time. As one of the few Western correspondents who has visited Mongolia from time to time over the years, I was staggered last summer to see the changes. Physically the country looked the same, but attitudes had undergone a sea-change.

A metaphor for what was happening was the rehabilitation of Genghis Khan, the 13th-century Mongol conqueror. On previous visits, his name had been mentioned by Mongolians literally only in whispers — he was in a political wilderness as vast as the Gobi Desert that covers much of this vast but beautiful country sandwiched as a buffer state between the uneasy Communist neighbours, the Soviet Union and China.

But the Mongolians were

building their first five-star luxury hotel in Ulan Bator, and it had been decided — by popular demand in the form of thousands of letters that had reached the government — that it was to be proudly called the Hotel Genghis Khan.

Efforts were being made to locate the birthplace of the Mongol conqueror. "Every-one you meet wants to talk about Genghis Khan," said a British tourism official who had been called in to advise on Mongolia's fledgling tourist industry.

There was talk even then — repeated this week — of pulling down the vast statue of Stalin in central Ulan Bator (the capital's name means "Red Hero"), and of removing the body of Marshal Horlogiyn Choybalsan from its mausoleum in the vast square in

the centre of Ulan Bator. Choybalsan had conducted his own version of the Moscow trials in the late 1930s and sent many of his colleagues to the firing squad.

"After Mr Gorbachev initiated *glasnost* in the Soviet Union, the Mongolians just picked up the ball and started running with it," one Western diplomat said. "The Mongolians have had quite a serious bout of inferiority complex. Now there's a new concept of national identity."

And an Asian envoy, returning after an absence of ten years, said: "When I was here before I was followed everywhere by security men. Now I don't feel I am being watched. It doesn't feel like an communist country any more. This is a turning point, one of the most interesting

moments in this country's history."

It seemed the Russians, who are pulling out 75 per cent of their 50,000 troops here in the next year or so, were encouraging the changes — at



though the Mongolians did not need much prompting. "We are quite calm," noted a senior Russian envoy on the subject of Genghis Khan (whose successors, after all,

despoiled much of Muscovy) "Why should they forget important figures in their history?"

Because Britain was one of the first Western countries to establish — and continue to staff — an embassy in Ulan Bator (they were joined in 1988 by the Americans — the Japanese, of course, are also there), the first joint ventures with Western countries were with Britain. Up to now, 96 per cent of Mongolia's trade has been with Comecon. They are desperate to look elsewhere. Thousands of Mongolians have also been learning English through repeats of a BBC language course on Mongolian television.

As in East Europe, there are plenty of problems. Lines at food shops, few consumer

goods, shortages of some food staples, and appalling pollution in Ulan Bator itself.

There is a drift from the herders' life of the steppes to unemployment in few cities. And the problems of the modern world were filtering across the Gobi desert. The Mongolians had recently tested 16,000 potentially "high-risk" persons for Aids (whatever "high risk" can mean in Mongolia) and, though none were found positive, there is a sense that the problems of the outside world were arriving.

But there is also a feeling that, after so many years in limbo, the Mongolians have rediscovered who they are, and they want the world to hear from them, even though there are just over two million of them.

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Brooke refuses immediate answers on shootings

Answers to a long list of questions from the Opposition about the shooting dead by soldiers of three men in west Belfast on Saturday were refused by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, on the grounds that they were the subject of operational instructions or of the "rigorous" inquiry by the RUC into the incident.

At the request of the Opposition, he made a statement on the shooting in Falls Road by an undercover Army unit.

Mr Brooke said that by chance the soldiers saw two masked men, one of whom appeared to be carrying a gun, get out of a car and enter a betting shop. The driver remained in the car.

It was the responsibility of members of the security forces immediately to respond to any danger to life. "What precisely happened next, and why, is properly the subject of the investigation now being rigorously pursued by the RUC and the House will not expect me to comment on details."

All three men had been subsequently shot and killed and a passer-by slightly injured. A crowd immediately began to gather and vehicles, including black taxis, to block adjoining roads. The soldiers went to an RUC station to the incident and the RUC, supported by the Army, went to the scene to take control within a few minutes.

The sub-machine gun had been a replica and a replica pistol had been recovered from the betting shop. These exact scale replicas so convincing that only careful examination showed that they could not fire live rounds.

Terrorism in Northern Ireland had encouraged violent crime. In combating such crime the security forces were required to operate within the law, using reasonable force.

Specific instructions and training were given to the security forces making clear that firearms were a last resort and to be used only when life was likely to be endangered and there was no other way of preventing that danger.

The security forces were expected to evaluate dangerous

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situations and act appropriately within seconds.

"We should not underestimate the difficulties they face. The RUC are conducting a full and thorough investigation. This must now take its course. I hope that nothing will be said in this House that could hinder or prejudice the completion of this important task."

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the incident raised questions about the rule of law, the role of the Army and the RUC, and the minimum use of force.

The Opposition was well aware of the difficulties faced by the security forces.

It was precisely because of this nature that the capacity to inflict great damage on public confidence in the rule of law and the security forces that the circumstances must be subject to the fullest possible scrutiny.

What were the rules of engagement under which the Army was operating? Did the yellow card rules apply - aimed shots only and only to prevent escape?

Was the Government still committed to the primacy of the RUC? Was the RUC aware of the presence of the Army undercover squad in the area and under what instructions was it operating? Were the three soldiers "tasked by the RUC" for this particular duty?

Why were the RUC and the Army unable to issue a statement on Saturday? Why was it possible for the Army yesterday to brief heavily selected journalists on issues which today Mr Brooke was asking MPs not to pursue?

Would Mr Brooke confirm that the driver was the first to be shot, that he was not challenged, that no real or replica weapon was found in the car nor any paramilitary uniform?

Was the Army unit in radio contact with its immediate superior? What instructions did they send and what instructions were relayed to them?

Witnesses had alleged that the other two men had been given the coup de grace while lying on the ground.

Would Mr Brooke confirm that the soldiers were members of the 14th Independent Company? Would he say the purpose of the unit, its form and duties?

Was there any connection between this incident and the reported shootings at 11pm on Friday night in the near vicinity and the marked increase in military presence in the area in the preceding 24 hours?

"What is of most importance is that we should be able to maintain confidence in the security forces and that is why we need to have an early and speedy answer to these many difficult and awesome questions."

Mr Brooke said that the yellow card represented operating instructions for the use of the security forces in a case, and as such it would not be appropriate to publish it. The other questions of this nature came under the same aspect of operational details.

On the RUC and its awareness of the presence, and likewise of the testing of the soldiers by the RUC, this came back to the RUC inquiry. A short statement had been issued by the RUC on Saturday night.

Questions on the driver of the car, radio communication and the condition of the men after they had been shot also came into the area of operational detail, and he had made clear that he would not enlarge on those. It was not policy to indicate units to which soldiers belonged.

There was no connection whatsoever between the reported shooting the previous evening and the security forces' activity in the neighbourhood.

Mr Robert MacLennan, Liberal Democrat spokesman on home affairs, asked if Mr Brooke agreed that the rules of engagement did not require security forces to hesitate when they apprehended that their lives were in danger and that they would wish to suspend judgement on the matter until the inquiry had been carried out.

However, would Mr Brooke consider, after he had seen the report of the RUC inquiry, if a wider inquiry, not directly involving the security forces, might be appropriate, because one of the issues at least was the extent to which the armed forces were acting on the instructions of the RUC.

Mr Brooke said that he was grateful for Mr MacLennan's remarks about the circumstances in which the armed forces had to take decisions in Ulster. He could not discuss

details of the incident without risking prejudicing the RUC inquiry.

The RUC would pass their conclusions to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster, C) said that Mr Brooke should not be diverted from his efforts to bring the parties together in Northern Ireland so as to remove the basis of terrorism which had caused this tragedy.

Mr Brooke said that he looked forward in the hope that they would be able to continue those conversations.

Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said that since 1982 there had been 12 killings in similar circumstances. They caused enormous damage to confidence in the system of justice and convinced many people that when it came to a choice between expediency or the integrity of the law the Government always chose expediency.

Mr Brooke said that confidence was most likely to be sustained by the clear evidence that the security forces were operating under the rule of law.

Mr Mervyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that Mr Brooke should have volunteered a statement today instead of leaving the running over the weekend to Mr Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Féin, who had the nerve to suggest that Amnesty International should investigate.

If Amnesty investigated this, it ought to look into the 3,000 people who had died over the past 20 years. Mr Brooke should make absolutely sure that the police were in charge of policing in west Belfast.

Mr Brooke said that statements had been made over the weekend by Dr Brian Mahoney, Unionist MP for Carrickfergus, and the RUC. He agreed with Mr Rees on Mr Adams.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that the killings would increase the conviction that the soldiers and the security forces in Northern Ireland were running a rampant (Conservative) protest. Mr Brooke had made no expression of regret to the families of those who died. That would confirm the impression that anything the security forces did was endorsed by the Government.

Mr Brooke said that the words about rampage were absurd.

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Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning (right), cutting a cake to mark the first anniversary of the extension of the Business Expansion Scheme aimed at increasing the number of private homes for rent. The minister, on his first public engagement since his appointment, is with Miss Pauline Osborne, a tenant on a development in north London, and Mr Mark Beresford, managing director of Wates Letting and Management Services.

Baker denies salary charge

Mr Kenneth Baker denied a suggestion from a Labour MP that he was getting paid £52,000 a year by the taxpayer to be chairman of the Conservative Party.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) complained about the little work Mr Baker did in his official position as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He said that the job was "just a cover, a way of getting the taxpayer to give Mr Baker a salary of £52,000 a year and a seat in Cabinet as chairman of the Conservative Party."

It would be far better if the salary were paid by Conservative Central Office rather than the taxpayer.

Mr Baker: "I get no ministerial salary at all (laughter)."

Mr Banks was chairman of the GLC while representing Newham North West in this House. I deprived him of his first job in 1986 and I will do all I can to deprive him of his present job at the next general election.

Slimming aids suggestion

The Government will consider whether to bring some substances not generally regarded as food, such as slimming aids, within the ambit of the Food Safety Bill, Lord Tringham, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said when the committee stage of the Bill began in the Lords.

Lord Eam (Lib Dem) had moved an amendment to define food. He said that he had used a definition from the New English Dictionary.

Lady Tringham said that a definition had never proved necessary in the past.

New whip in the Lords

Lady Blatch has been appointed a whip, completing the government team in the House of Lords.

Lady Blatch, who served in the Women's Royal Air Force, is a former air traffic controller. From 1981 to 1985 she was leader of Cambridgeshire County Council. She has also served on Peterborough Development Corporation.

Commons day

A proposal to revive morning sittings of the Commons was rejected by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, at question time. He told Mr Graham Allan (Nottingham North, Lab) that such a system had been tried 20 years ago. "It broke the continuity of debate and did not work."

MPs' kiosk

The souvenir kiosk in the Commons, which sells House of Commons labelled drinks, cigarettes and sweets as well as gifts, took £171,325 last December, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, told MPs at question time.

Cigarette law

The Home Office is considering steps to strengthen the law preventing children under 16 years from buying cigarettes, Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; Prime Minister; Coal Industry Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Courts and Legal Services Bill, committee, first day.

Bill 'lays foundation for pollution control'

The Environmental Protection Bill would lay the foundation for pollution control well into the next century, Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said in the Commons when he moved its second reading.

He said that it would be ludicrous to try to solve every environmental problem in one Bill. He hoped that MPs would resist the temptation to try to hang every pet environmental objective on the branches of this particular legislative tree.

He said that the Bill established two arms to control pollution. Local authorities would be responsible for smaller plants with the Inspectorate of Pollution tackling the bigger processes.

Defending the proposals to break up the Nature Conservancy Council, he said that it was patently clear that wildlife in Wales and Scotland was better protected by a central body based in England.

Mr Bryan Gould, for the Opposition, said that, although the environment was in danger, the Bill was not the one to protect it. "The claim that this is a green Bill is a piece of vainglorious nonsense."

Mr Patten said that a judicious mix of governmental regulation and market economics was the best way of ensuring enhanced environmental quality. Sensible environmental growth was the friend, not the enemy, of a cleaner and greener environment.

The Bill established two innovative pollution control systems: local authority air-pollution control and integrated pollution control.

The new regime strengthened the role of local authorities and gave them the means of tackling air pollution before it occurred. Their powers would

During his speech, Mr Patten announced that Professor John Beringer, of Bristol University, is to be chairman of a committee to monitor the control of genetically modified organisms.

Biotechnology, he said, had an excellent safety record, but he expected that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) might be expected to have a wider environmental impact. Development had already reached the stage where they were routinely employed in contained factory processes and might thus reach the wider environment in waste streams or by accident.

At the heart of the proposals was a requirement for any person who intended to import, keep or release a GMO to the environment to carry out a risk assessment. He envisaged a comprehensive set of regulations setting out details of the regime.

cover a range of processes such as power plants, glassworks and municipal and hospital incinerators.

Big processes would be controlled by the Inspectorate of Pollution under integrated pollution control (IPC).

About 3,500 sites, such as oil refineries, large iron and steelworks and chemical works, would be subject to it.

Authorisations would be based on "the best available techniques not entailing excessive cost" so there would be a built-in mechanism for stronger environmental protection. As techniques improved, higher environmental standards would be required.

The Bill contained new proposals for public access to environmental information. "Making more informa-

tion available will change that by identifying inadequate performers and rewarding environmental achievers."

The Bill also presented a new approach to waste. In the past, economic development and growth had been seen as the enemy of the time to break that connection.

The Government's aim was that all waste disposal should meet the highest standards. "Costs must be passed back to the waste producers, forcing them to re-appraise the true economics of their production process."

The Bill would increase local authorities' duties to keep streets and lead to progress towards the government target of recycling half of Britain's recyclable waste by the end of the decade.

The Bill strengthened the powers of local authorities to deal expeditiously with noise and smells. There would be a new power to deal with transient nuisances such as dust from demolition. Noise-control legislation would be reviewed by a working party reporting by the summer.

Local authorities would be placed under a new duty to keep streets and land free of litter. A code of practice on litter clearance setting standards and advising how to achieve them would be published shortly.

Citizens would be given the right to apply to a magistrates' court for a litter abatement order, compelling a defaulting authority to clear litter.

A similar duty would fall on organisations such as British Rail and other owners of land. Local authorities would also be given powers to extend the duty to certain types of land in other ownership, such as supermarkets and parks.

The new structure of countryside

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agencies should make it easier to co-ordinate their work with that of government.

The argument for a single Nature Conservancy Council seemed to assume that wildlife in Wales and Scotland should be governed from the council in Peterborough and the Department of Environment in Marsham Street, London.

"It is a strange and, frankly, puzzling argument which we reject."

The new country agencies would be able to tailor delivery of conservation more closely to regional and local needs.

Lord Cranbrook had accepted his invitation to be first chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council for England. The first chairman of the joint committee to co-ordinate the work of the three country councils would be Professor Fred Holliday, at present Vice-Chancellor of Durham University. Mr Magnus Magnusson was to be first chairman of the new council for Scotland.

Northern Ireland would be brought into the formal arrangements so that a UK, as well as a British, dimension could be obtained to nature conservation policies.

The Bill delivered two other important commitments: every scientist now working for the Nature Conservancy Council, and all members of the staff, would be offered posts in one of the successor bodies. That would ensure the existing skill and expertise of the council were transferred to the new bodies. It also provided for the

transfer of the council's present property and commitments.

It meant that the 235 national nature reserves would be passed on to the stewardship of the country body responsible for the area where they were located.

The Crown would not be immune from the provisions of the Bill. The Government should be seen to be in the lead protecting the environment, and his proposals would ensure that failures of government departments to come up to the required standards would be plainly identifiable.

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MP draws Speaker's rebuke

An allegation that a number of MPs were seeking payments from a public relations company was made by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Wokingham, Lab).

He was repeatedly told by the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) to take the matter up with the appropriate select committee of which he was a member.

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Moves to restrict embryo Bill

Two leading Scottish peers have tabled amendments in the Lords to restrict the use of human embryos under the Warnock legislation (Sheila Gunn writes).

Lord Perth and Lady Saltoun of Abernethy, who sit on the independent cross-benches, will initiate debates next month to tighten the provisions of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill during the Lords committee stage.

Lord Perth is seeking to ban the "hamster test" used as a diagnostic test to measure the fertility of male sperm. It is done by mixing the human sperm with a hamster embryo. The Government's legislation would allow, under licence, fertilisation by mixing sperm with the egg of another species so long as the embryo is immediately destroyed. However, Lord Perth's amendment would prevent all such cross-fertilisation.

Lady Saltoun is seeking to restrict methods of artificial fertilisation, such as *in vitro* fertilisation or embryo donation, to married women only. Her amendments would make it illegal to place an embryo in an unmarried woman.

Amendments urging further restrictions on embryo experiments and abortion are expected to be tabled soon.

Tributes to former Lord Chancellor

Lord Gardiner, who died on January 7 at the age of 89, had brought a fine presence to the office of Lord Chancellor and had been one of the most formidable advocates of his generation, Lord Belstead, Leader of the House of Lords said in a tribute to the Labour peer when the House resumed after the Christmas recess.

He had initiated many projects of law reform, which had subsequently entrenched themselves in the system of justice.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour Peers, said that Lord Gardiner would be remembered as one of the great lawyers of the century but had also been attracted to the stage, where Gerald du Maurier had a high regard for his talents as an actor.

"There is a certain affinity between the stage and the Bar, as we have observed from time to time" (laughter).

In Cabinet, when dealing with political issues, he had always been brief and to the point, which had set him apart from the rest. A number of books would be needed to do full justice to the radical changes he had introduced as Lord Chancellor, and he would go down in history as one of the great reforming Lord Chancellors.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead,

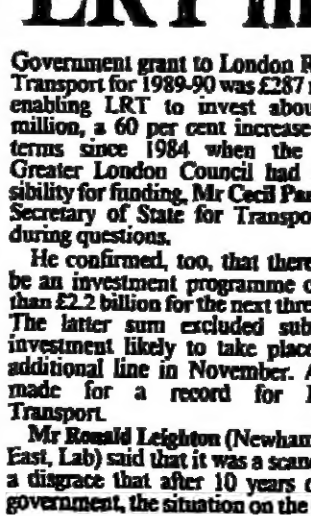


Lord Gardiner: A lawyer attracted to the stage

leader of the Liberal Democrats, said that Lord Gardiner had spoken little in Cabinet, but with lasting impact.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone (C) said that the establishment of the Law Commission would go down in history as his most enduring and valuable achievement.

Lord Longford (Lab) said that no one did as much as Lord Gardiner for the abolition of capital punishment.



Lord Gardiner: A lawyer attracted to the stage

Long-suffering rail commuters in the South-east were entitled to a fairer deal, Mr Roger Moute (Faversham, C) said to Conservative cheers at questions.

There should be restraint with regard to the prospective fare increase and passengers should be able to travel in comfort. When would the long promised new rolling stock arrive?

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Sec-

retary of State for Transport, said that he had approved an order for £257 million of new rolling stock for the north Kent lines in August. The first of the new trains would come into service in January 1992. An additional application for further investment in new trains, that would come into service a year later, was expected.

Mr Robert Dunn (Dartford, C) said that all interested parties should be involved with the decision making leading up to the final deliberation over the high-speed rail link from Kent to London. There should be no loss of rail services as a result of the development of the link.

Mr Parkinson said that British Rail recognized that its early handling of the issue with the public left something to be

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ground was so bad. The Underground was deliberately pushing up fares above the inflation rate to discourage users, adding to road congestion.

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would be running in 1992. More staff would be available on stations to look after passengers and he was keen that more escalators should be available.

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Mr Portillo said that if Stratford became the second terminal, the proposals might have to be amended. Over the next three years the Government subsidy to London Regional Transport would rise by 113 per cent. As a former chairman of the Greater London Coun-

cil, Mr Banks would know that government investment in London Regional Transport was double what it was in his days.

Ms Joan Raddock, an Opposition transport spokesman, said that LRT would have little more money. It was possible that the investment plan for the Central Line and other parts of the Underground might be delayed or cancelled because of lack of government support and cuts similar to those that had already affected British Rail.

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been reduced, income on the system had gone up and investment had increased enormously.

Earlier, Mr Parkinson said that Network SouthEast planned to invest £1.2 billion between 1990-91 and 1992-93. That represented an increase of about 30 per cent in real terms over the previous three-year period.

£2.2bn more is planned

LRT investment up by 60% since 1984

Government grant to London Regional Transport for 1989-90 was £287 million, enabling LRT to invest about £400 million, a 60 per cent increase in real terms since 1984 when the former Greater London Council had responsibility for funding, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said at questions.

He confirmed, too, that there would be an investment programme of more than £2.2 billion for the next three years. The latter sum excluded substantial investment likely to take place in an additional line in November. All that made for a record for London Transport.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) said that it was a scandal and a disgrace that after 10 years of Tory government, the situation on the Under-

ground was so bad. The Underground was deliberately pushing up fares above the inflation rate to discourage users, adding to road congestion.

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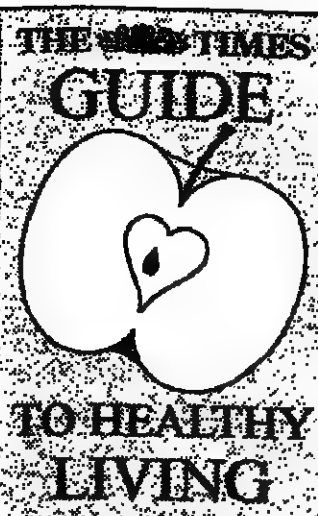
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Work can damage your health



Part 2: Occupational hazards

All work and no play can make Jack dull but Jill sparkle. Liz Gill discovers why career stress can be a health hazard for some of us — and how the 'hardy' personality thrives



Dennis Stevenson: "Given the excess of demand over time, my aim is to balance domestic life with work"

SAVED BY A SHEET OF PAPER AT 5.30AM

Early every morning — often before 5.30am — Dennis Stevenson has divided a sheet of paper into four and written an instruction to himself in each corner: think, do, dictate and phone. This is what enables him to divide his time between money-making, family life and voluntary activities. He is chairman of SRU, a group of businesses covering specialist property, venture capital and investment in high technology. He is also chairman of the charity Intermediate Technology, of the Trustees of the Tate, and of the Docklands Sinfonietta. And he plays the violin.

"Given the excess of demand over time my aim is to balance domestic life with work," he says. It helps, he admits, to be the boss, but he also has a "totally flexible attitude to working hours". On the day we spoke he was planning to leaving the office at 2.45pm and spend the afternoon playing the violin with his children — he has four sons aged between five and 15. But he was also taking home a pile of papers to read. There is, of course, a downside: something going wrong in any one of the fields can cause him to lose sleep — "and I do. But I don't think doing a lot of different things is stressful in itself."



Isabel Greenwood: "You couldn't do it for long if you didn't like it, because of the demands on your time"

JOB SATISFACTION STILL HIGH AT 11PM

Isabel Greenwood drives to her office at seven in the morning and rarely leaves before seven at night. At least that way, she says, she avoids the stress of sitting in London traffic. At 32, Greenwood is one of two deputy managing directors of Biss Lancaster, a public relations company with an annual turnover of £3 million, and a member of its board. Her responsibilities include recruitment and training, and recently the supervision of a move to new offices.

Two or three times a month she will give a major presentation to a client — "that really gets the adrenalin going". If a big project is running she will frequently work until 10 or 11pm, and at weekends. "The job is stressful in many ways. There are deadlines and you have to juggle a lot of different things and be able to move quickly from one area to another. We try to foster a sense of accountability, but I suppose if the buck stops anywhere it stops with me."

When to retire from the race

The Bible exhorts us to labour hard in this world, for there is no work in the grave. It doesn't explain if this is a promise or a threat, and disregards the possibility that working hard with this might, as advocated in Ecclesiastes, might bring the day of reckoning near.

Signs and symptoms that someone is failing to cope with work stress often first become apparent at home, where the once placid breadwinner may verbally, or even physically, lash out at his wife and children. He will become isolated by his anxieties so that small problems become obstacles.

The once strong man will weaken, may even become tearful, will find it difficult to get to sleep and may wake in the early hours to worry over his competence. Drinking habits change; the social drinker shuns companions and may therefore drink less, whereas the home-lover, normally abstemious, may take to the bottle. With the irritability goes the loss of self-confidence, so that thoughts lose their directions and decisions are delayed: the hallmark of stress is change in personality rather than any individual symptom.

When a patient complains of obvious stress-related symptoms — unexplained headaches, back or neck pain exacerbated because the back muscles are held so tensely that the spinal joints are ground together, feelings of faintness — the diagnosis is obvious. But even then it is safer, and kinder, to confirm it with routine investigations. Conversion — the translation of anxieties and emotional conflicts, the basis of all stress — into bodily symptoms can produce worrying case histories. The stressed man or woman may feel certain that the muscular ache in the chest is an impending coronary or early cancer of the lung; that the breathlessness is TB, and the indigestion an ulcer. A variant of conversion is to experience the symptoms felt by an ill friend; if the friend has had a coronary, for instance, the stressed patient feels chest pain.

OCCUPATIONAL STRESS LEAGUE TABLE

Are you in the right job?

The stress level of librarians rose dramatically when Professor Cary Cooper ranked them bottom in his occupational stress "league table" in *The Sunday Times* in 1984. The stress expert from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology was besieged by letters from outraged librarians.

"Nobody at the top of the stress table complained. I didn't get a single letter from a miner or a teacher or a policeman or a civil aviation pilot," Cooper says, "which shows that stress was somehow perceived as good, or high-status."

He did get a letter from the then Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore, complaining that the church was a more stressful vocation than Cooper's panel of "six well-known stress researchers" had independently evaluated. But Cooper argues that the clergy is a vocation and those who enter it know, by and large, what they're getting into. (Which could be one of the reasons, he speculates, that the armed forces and merchant navy rank comparatively low on the tables, compared with the police force and

prison service, which people might just idealistically unprepared for the harsher realities and constraints of the job.) The link between the high-stress jobs was "change, lack of control and a high workload". Uncertainty about the industry — as with miners at the time, and ambulance men now — and enforced relocation are other stress factors. As a general rule of thumb, Cooper found that the higher the "perception of autonomy", the lower the stress level.

Each job or profession has its unique "stress fingerprint", Cooper has found. It should, ideally, be matched with the personality profile of the people in it; the better the match, the lower the individual stress level. Put a Type A journalist (ranked 7.5 on his stress scale of 1 to 10) who demands the buzz of deadlines into a Type B library job (the lowest, with 2) with its quiet order and routines, and you have a recipe for madness.

Since producing the original tables, Cooper and his team have gone on to do more detailed studies on large groups of commercial pilots, GPs, city dealers, teachers, tax officers, air traffic controllers and managers. These studies involve blood chemistry tests as well as asking participants to fill out comprehensive questionnaires about their job, lifestyle and aspirations. Blood samples taken from teachers, for example, at the beginning of last term, just after the summer

don't have time to wallow in disappointment over losing a big deal. Cooper has done no study of the self-employed, who, he believes, will become an increasingly significant proportion of the working population in the 1990s. "I think I'd give the self-employed, whether small businesses or professional people, two stars as pretty highly stressed. Although they have a certain amount of control, they can feel pressured and not able to say no."

The results of the survey of 225 financial dealers in the City of London have yet to be completely analysed, but Cooper discovered that those working within American institutions were more highly stressed than those in British or European ones. In his original tables stockbrokers are given a modest 5.5 stress rating, and bankers a low 3.7. Cooper feels the single European market of 1992 will bring increasing stresses for all of Britain. "On top of all the travel and relocation and mergers and new methods to cope with the EC, British business will perceive itself to be losing control to bureaucrats in Brussels. As a whole country we'll be losing control."

Victoria McKee

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Quiz of the year

No one correctly answered all the questions in our Christmas Quiz of the Year, but the following five came nearest.

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John Prentice, Ross Road, Wallington, Surrey; Miss S. Sainsbury, Oyster Quay, Solent Marina, Cosham, Hants; Mrs M.L.P. Lewis, Birch Villas, St Mark's Road, Binfield, Berks; Miss E.M. Croydon, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, London; Miss N. Cheesman, Laburnum Road, Wincersh, Berks.

Each will receive a case of Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial 1983 champagne.

THE ANSWERS:
1(c); 2(e); 3(d); 4(b); 5(d); 6(a); 7(d); 8(b); 9(b); 10(c); 11(c); 12(b); 13(a); 14(b); 15(a); 16(c); 17(b); 18(d); 19(b); 20(a); 21(b); 22(c); 23(d); 24(b) and (d); 25(d); 26(c); 27(c); 28(d); 29(b); 30(c); 31(c); 32(c); 33(b); 34(d); 35(b); 36(a); 37(a); 38(c); 39(d); 40(b); 41(d); 42(c); 43(d); 44(c); 45(c); 46(a); 47(b); 48(b). Picture questions: A(c); B(b); C(a); D(d).

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ALAN HAMILTON

Doesn't it seem a lifetime since the world stage was commanded by Nixon, Kissinger, Brandt, Schmidt and Lord Home of the Hirsel? Nostalgia will be rampant in London next month when, provided they accept their invitations, all the aforesaid will be guests at a lunch to mark Edward Heath's 40 years as an MP. Nearly 1,000 invitations went out just after New Year, already 250 have confirmed their attendance. Sir Bernard Braine, who beats Heath for the title Leader of the House by a mere ten minutes, has accepted, as has perhaps the most surprising guest of all, Herself, Heath, now 73, remains determined to stand again, not so much to oust Sir Bernard, I suspect, as to outlast Mrs T. But there is an undeniable air of Thatcherism about the whole celebration; the lunch and the accompanying souvenir brochure, I gather, have been paid for by commercial sponsorship and advertising.

Yes, there is such a thing as a Russian fashion industry, and it has started producing designer jeans under the label "Soviet". They are, however, being manufactured in Italy and Hong Kong, for sale only in Europe and the United States, where they will no doubt achieve cult status at \$68 a pair. Even if he could lay hands on them, their average Russian, I reckon, would not be seen dead in them, and I think what the Lithuanians are really shouting about is the freedom to buy Levi 501s.

Negotiators at the current round of Ford pay talks have broken their last agreement only ten days after it came into effect. Smoking was banned in offices, corridors, lifts, company cars and even toilets from January 1, for all the company's 42,000 British employees right up to the chairman, Derek Barron. Unions accepted the ruling with good grace when it was made late last year. But IGWU chief emissary Jack Adams and many of his 30-strong team survived only a few minutes at last week's 12-hour bargaining session on Ford premises before tension destroyed their resolve. Personnel director John Hougham — a non-smoker — kindly turned a blind eye to the transgression, something he will doubtless have to do again tomorrow when the talks resume. But there is already a split in the union ranks. Engineers' leader Jimmy Airlie is a dedicated non-smoker and confesses that cigarette fumes make him "itchy". Fat chance of an early deal here.

BARRY FANTONI



Two more winners from your many attempts to lay hands on my six bottles of The Glenlivet by providing an item suitable for publication in this column ten years hence. The finest 12-year old single malt is on its way to Dr William Thomson of Glasgow for this: "Although the twenty-new-hour decimal day is here to stay, we hear the EC ten-day week with its *Mittwoch* *urlaub* is still a subject of some disquiet. As Professor Sir Ronald Todd said in the annual Thatcher lecture at Oxford, only a cruel and uncaring government would force people to stay at home on Thursday. His line of logic did not go unheeded. But, as Prime Minister Owen said, you cannot unscramble time once the tide has gone out."

And more Speyside liquid gold to David J. Adams of Tones for: "King William's last Christmas speech of the century was broadcast from Balmoral's sultry lawns. The shirt-sleeved King hoped that Eurobritons were enjoying their November-February holidays on the Baltic beaches. Those who had remained at home to tend the herds of African animals could feel proud that their industry was second only now to the manufacturing of potato crisp flavourings. He thanked Baroness Thatcher and Sir Kenneth Livingstone for their modest statesmanship as Eurobrit Stewards since his father had abdicated to become Professor of Architecture at Milton Keynes University."

Final winners on Thursday.

You will not, looking back, believe how much you learned this morning. As William Butler Yeats all but put it, when you are old and gray and full of sleep, and nodding by the fire, take down this newspaper, and slowly read, and the collection will knock your nightcap off.

Take the word *euphorbiaceae*. Do not kid me you have heard it before. For you it is entirely new. You have no idea what it means. Nevertheless, you rather like the sound of it. Is it not radiant? Is it not fragrant? Does it not, indeed, exude the very euphony with which its apparent etymology associates it? I know that smiling prefix, you murmur, I know that *eu-*, and if it's good enough for the Greeks, it's good enough for me.

Ha, ha. The Middle English *euphorbia* from which it derives was originally spelt *euphorbia*, because it was not Greek at all but

If the Government fails to get inflation substantially down by the next election it does not follow that it will lose, because high interest and mortgage rates are not the only factors. But effectively reducing inflation would turn a strong possibility of victory into a near certainty. At the moment the prospects of achieving the Treasury's forecast of 5% per cent by the end of the year look poor. Probably inflation is still edging slightly up and will start cantering if there is a wages explosion.

The public is so badly informed that it cannot distinguish between a wage rise covered by increased productivity and one which is given for nothing in return. On *Wogan* with Mrs Thatcher last Friday, many in the audience were unaware that the ambulancemen are demanding a hefty increase way beyond inflation not for the coming year but backdated to last April.

The sentimental who give to ambulancemen are subscribing to their own downfall by encouraging a settlement for last year at nearly twice the amount that 84 per cent of the NHS workers settled for long ago. If the ambulancemen succeed there will be no holding their own new claims in this year or those of a multitude of others

Woodrow Wyatt warns of increases unrelated to productivity

Pay-rise path to suicide

hoping to follow their example.

Disdainfully missing from the ambulancemen's demands is any suggestion of increased productivity. Their claim is advanced under cover of a fog of spurious emotion. In Wiltshire and Northumbria hundreds of thousands of pounds are being saved by part privatization of the ambulance services. The same could be done everywhere, or if they preferred it, the unionized ambulancemen could have offered deals of improved performance to produce similar savings and justify some increase in the 6.5 per cent offered last April, acceptance of which their unions then recommended. But better performance deals would have to apply to this April, not to last year, to make sense.

The Government must not, dare not, give in to the ambulancemen, however many opinion polls support them. It is what the something-for-nothing brigade is hoping for, and is

preparing accordingly. It would strengthen the Nalco demand for up to 20 per cent for half a million white-collar workers without increased productivity, and the BBC unions, emboldened by the ill-researched reporting on the BBC and ITV of wage settlements, to press harder for an unjustified 10 per cent rise plus a lump sum of £500. There are hordes out there waiting to commit mass suicide of accelerating inflation by insisting on increases unrelated to productivity.

Manufacturing has already caught this mood; in the latter half of last year our unit wage costs went up by 6 per cent compared with 2 per cent in the US and 1 per cent in West Germany. In Japan, unit wage costs fell by 1 per cent, and by 3 per cent in France. No great intelligence is required to appreciate that the cost of our goods at home and abroad is in danger of rising, sharply compared with that of our competitors.

The present negotiations at Ford, based on slipshod reporting in the media, are cited as a precedent. If Ford can offer 10.2 per cent at the resumed negotiations tomorrow, maybe a bit more, why can't everyone have it? Ford is in a fiercely competitive international market. Any offer it makes is related to productivity increases through changes in working practices arising from the installation of extremely expensive equipment (£2,000 million over the next five years) which must be paid for out of profits. Nissan's 10.2 per cent wage increase at its British plant was similarly geared to productivity. Within a few years the British plants of Ford, Nissan and Honda are due to build up to 600,000 additional cars a year. That is a lot of cars to shift on the market and can only be done at the right price.

Yet even up-market newspapers carelessly get the Ford deal wrong. It is said that its last productivity deal was a fake

because it was never implemented. The truth is that it was not all implemented at once and slower than Ford had hoped. Owing to human nature, deep changes in working practices cannot be made overnight. It is a continuous process in which the present negotiations are another step. But if Ford were not making genuine progress in productivity it would be out of business, and if it gives too much tomorrow its sales will drop and unemployment will afflict its 32,000 workers, as well as those in component suppliers.

Wage increases for improved productivity are the modern way. Anything else is the anti-industrial route to higher inflation and massive job losses. That is the message the Government must get across, not merely to employees but to our superficial media, which ought to be conscious of its responsibility not to mislead the public.

Take the suggestion that GPs are about to be awarded a 13 per

cent rise by an independent pay review. It should not be reported as a crude something-for-nothing, setting a benchmark for others who want more without extra performance. It is the result of the extra work required of GPs under their new contracts. For the first time they will have targets for vaccinations, health screenings, visits to the elderly, more hours with patients and so forth. There is a clear productivity element, though you could scarcely guess this from scanning the media.

Rightly, the Government eschews incomes policies. In the recent past they have ended by increasing wages without corresponding extra output and led to higher unemployment and inflation. If the public, deceived by the media, gets too much of something for nothing the Government will have to keep interest rates high for much longer and, indeed, raise them.

There is evidence that the present high interest rates are beginning to curb consumer spending, as intended. That benefit will be destroyed if floods of extra money, unbacked by extra productivity and efficiency, pour into the shops. We should be bright enough to see this and not sow the seeds of our own future misery.

David Ennals reports on a visit to see how repatriated boat people are faring

Must Vietnam still suffer?

The most interesting man I met in the Vietnamese city of Haiphong last week was not one of the 51 boat people Timothy Raison and I had gone to interview, but a 68-year-old retired major who had fought the French at Dien Bien Phu and the Americans throughout the Vietnam war. He was a real nationalist: intensely proud of his country and its ability to come through all tribulations. There was more than his wispy beard to remind one of Ho Chi Minh.

We came upon him by accident when looking for a fishing family of eight who had crossed to Hong Kong in their own boat with 20 others on June 10, 1988, arriving there 10 days later. They returned home, boatless, on December 12, 1989. We went down a series of narrow lanes between overcrowded houses, and dozens of children, dogs and chickens. Up some steps we came to a two-room house where we were told that the fisher family was living rent-free with the major and his family. He was not surprised to see us as he had heard of our visit on the BBC World Service news in Vietnamese at 6 am that day.

We drove 25 miles, to a seaside village. Then a fair walk

along a narrow dyke to the little house. Children crowded round us as the family told their story without any officials present, a rule we insisted on.

It was similar to the stories of the other fisher families we had met. They left in the hope of improving their living standards. They were not fleeing from fear of oppression and were not told until some months later in Hong Kong that they had to return to Vietnam. They might have volunteered to return had they known about the voluntary repatriation programme but no one seems to have told them.

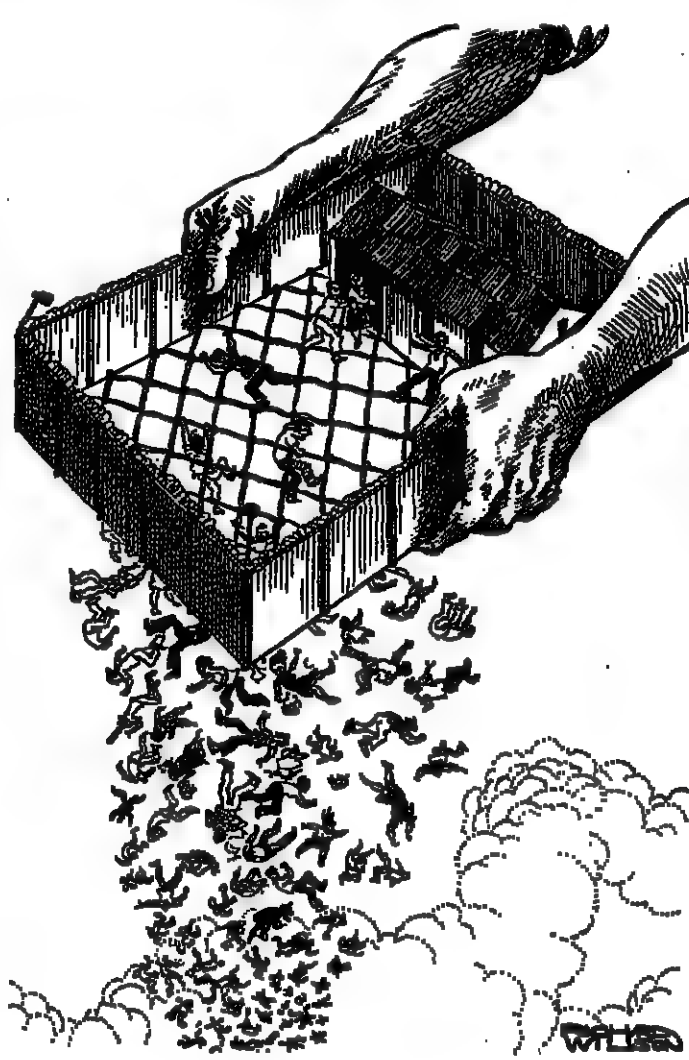
On December 12 they were flown back to Hanoi with £100 which had already been spent on food and clothing. Although anxious to work, the head of the family could do nothing until he could pay for another boat. He had no skill other than fishing. The major was intensely proud of his country. He told us that in spite of its continuing poverty Vietnam was "getting better every day and in every way". He was not one to moan or ask favours, but in my view Vietnam has had a very real deal.

His people lived through long years of war which devastated the economy, with no compensatory help from the Americans, who dropped on Vietnam more destructive power than suffered by the whole of Europe during the Second World War. When the boat people started to leave Vietnam in 1975 they were welcomed with open arms. No questions were asked. The 1979 UN Geneva Conference decided that whatever happened elsewhere, all Vietnamese who braved stormy seas and pirates would be resettled in the Western world. More than 900,000 were found homes in the US,

Canada, Australia, France, Britain and elsewhere.

In 1987 everything changed. There had accumulated in camps in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand about 35,000 long-stay cases — mainly unaccompanied, poorly educated men who were not an economic asset. And in the late 1980s the vast proportion came from the North, thus with no record of being "pro-American". Nobody wanted them. Instead of refugees, they became migrants. The third factor was that, denied aid by the world community, and with a communist government which then resisted all economic change, many more took to the boats. Arrivals increased from 19,500 in 1986 to 28,000 in 1987 and 45,500 in 1988, and the year-end caseload of refugees awaiting resettlement went up from 31,500 in 1986 to 61,000 in 1988.

Britain and Hong Kong decided that Vietnamese asylum-seekers would no longer automatically be accepted as refugees but would be subjected to the Refugee Determination Procedure (screening). Thailand was much tougher and adopted a policy of "redirection". Vietnamese boats were driven out to sea — and some went to Hong Kong, adding to the build-up of unwanted asylum-seekers there. Members of Asean (the Association of South-east Asian Nations) then insisted that if the West would not admit Vietnamese for settlement, they were not prepared to act as a staging centre to nowhere. So at the second Geneva conference last June, the decision was taken that those not accepted as refugees must go home.



There is nothing intrinsically immoral about this. I believe it to be fundamentally important to maintain as clearly as possible the status and rights of refugees who are fleeing from persecution. Those outside that category are migrants.

If all migrants were accepted as refugees, the status of refugee would become meaningless. Since 1960 the world community has accepted responsibility for the protection of genuine refugees. That is the main *raison d'être* of the UNHCR, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Screening is appropriate providing it is fair. I agree with a

UNHCR official in Bangkok who told me: "Even if there is only one genuine refugee among a thousand Vietnamese asylum-seekers, his right to present his case must be preserved." This requires the preservation of the principle of first asylum, which is threatened by an increasing number of leading people in Hong Kong — and some in Britain.

In Vietnam there is a trend toward greater freedom and economic change. Those with good reason to migrate legally, such as those with close relatives overseas, can do so under the Orderly Departure Programme, administered by the Vietnamese

government with the help of the UNHCR. About 50,000 left under this programme in 1989. Those who are refused refugee status should return under an Orderly Return Programme.

The essential prerequisites are that there be no discrimination against those who return, that their return be effectively monitored, and that the world community provide some resources to help the resettlement programme to work humanely.

Note the travel dates of the family befriended by the major. When they left Vietnam they would have been accepted as refugees under the 1979 accord. When they arrived in Hong Kong 10 days later the rules had changed and they joined the queue to be screened. They had to wait months before knowing their fate, and were subjected to further delay before being returned.

They did not know about the change of rules, nor did they know they could sign a form to return home. And now they are back they are without a boat, which is their only means of independent living.

For me the most important point of what I saw and heard concerns Washington. No longer should Vietnam be punished for having defeated the United States 15 years ago. The Americans have paid nothing to compensate for war damage; they refuse an aid programme and have successfully twisted the arms of other Western nations, including Britain, to do the same. They accept no Vietnamese from the north for settlement and they place every conceivable obstacle in the way of an orderly return programme. This is sheer obstruction.

Money is needed for economic development and resettlement and also for a permanent monitoring presence to ensure that those sent back are well treated. This task should be entrusted to the UNHCR, which has long and valuable experience.

Lord Ennals was Minister of State at the Foreign Office, 1974-76, and Social Services Secretary, 1976-79.

Basic steps to restore Britain's good name

Wesley Gryk outlines Amnesty's proposals for the refugee camps

Amnesty International has just published the memorandum on the Vietnamese boat people which it sent earlier this month to Mrs Thatcher and the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Wilson. It concentrates on two main areas of concern.

First, it seeks to ensure that those really at risk of persecution if returned to Vietnam are not repatriated. The collective world conscience would rest more easily if it felt confident that Hong Kong's screening process actually identified and protected all such individuals. Secondly, that any repatriation of those ultimately judged not to be refugees is carried out in a way that protects their physical integrity and dignity. Last month's operation, conducted in the dead of night without independent observers, provided little assurance in this regard.

On screening, Amnesty wants legal assistance to be provided at every stage in the procedure, the

development of a well trained body of professionals to carry out the screening interviews, improved interpretation facilities and the opportunity for asylum seekers to check and correct their interview record. It also asks for changes in the appeals procedure. At present appeals are heard in secret, with neither the asylum seeker nor a legal representative present; no reason is given for the decision.

The criticism comes not only from Amnesty International. David Ward, president of the Law Society, recently wrote to Mr Hurd calling for a stay on further repatriation until the screening process had been reviewed and appropriate improvements made. Such improvements would clearly require additional funds, but the British and Hong Kong governments have already created the skeleton of a viable procedure

and would be foolish not to pay the marginal costs of fleshing it out to make it fully acceptable under international law.

The second main area of concern — the physical protection of asylum seekers undergoing any eventual forcible repatriation — arises from a number of incidents, described in the Amnesty report, in which members of the Hong Kong Police and the Correctional Services Department (CSD) are alleged to have assaulted and otherwise used undue force on asylum seekers. The CSD and the police share responsibility for running the camps where the boat people are held and are likely to play a key role in carrying out any forcible repatriation.

Amnesty International accuses officials of these agencies not only of assault but also of trying to cover up the incidents.

At Hei Ling Chau, for example, which Mr Hurd visits today, an internal CSD inquiry into allegations that more than 100 asylum seekers were beaten and kicked when made to pass through a CSD gauntlet found "no evidence whatsoever to support the claims of the excessive use of force". However, an independent inquiry conducted by two respected justices of the peace found that unnecessary force had been used and that government medical officers had apparently conspired to suppress the evidence.

Then there was the forcible removal by CSD officers of 48 "screened-out" asylum seekers from Chi Ma Wan detention centre who were forcibly moved to Phoenix House in the early hours of October 31. They told Amnesty International's delegates they had been grabbed in strangleholds with noses and

mouths squeezed shut, kicked and stamped on and dragged along the ground, their arms twisted in extremely painful positions. At least three of them said they had been rendered unconscious by "pressure point control techniques" applied to a point on their heads near the ear.

This incident takes on particular significance because most of those transferred were subsequently among those forcibly repatriated to Vietnam on December 12. The circumstances of this transfer could perhaps explain the fear expressed by one returnee to a *Times* reporter in Vietnam: "People who didn't want to go, who tried to stay behind, were pointed at with those sticks and threatened... people moved only because of fear."

No independent inquiry has been held into these allegations and the CSD has, again, main-

tained that there was no undue use of force. Because of these and similar incidents, which have ramifications for any proposed programme of forced repatriation, Amnesty International makes a number of recommendations on the investigation and remedy of ill-treatment, the protection of victims and witnesses from intimidation, the training of personnel involved in such operations and the development of clear guidelines on the use of force in such circumstances.

The recommendations being put forward are pragmatic and can be easily implemented. Such measures will pay important dividends not only for the dignity and protection of the asylum seekers but for the dignity and international reputation of the people and the governments of Britain and Hong Kong.

Wesley Gryk, a lawyer, returned recently from an Amnesty International mission to Hong Kong.

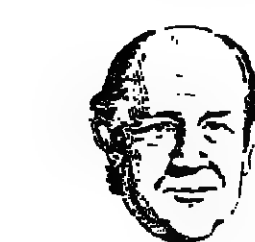
Etymology, meet entomology

Latin, and spelt that way by Pliny the Elder (AD 23-79), almost certainly to impress his newly adopted son, Pliny the Younger (62-c114). Who, like you, had never heard of *Euphorbia*. Amazing now, to think that little Pliny did not know that *Euphorbia* was the court physician to Juba II, king of Mauretania, but there you are, it's a funny old world. As a matter of fact, I didn't know he was either, until one of my pets ran away. More accurately, jumped away, but I shall come to that later.

First things first. There would be no point going on at all, if you were not to be told that the king of Mauretania was so impressed

with his GP that he named a plant after him, which Middle Englishmen decided to spell *euphorbia*. We can be quite frighteningly nationalistic when it comes to loan-words: I once saw *gatto* written on a cakeshop window in Stanmore.

More to the point, take *spurge*. *Spurge* is how Middle Englishmen transcribed the French *espurge* making it a fine, almost exemplary, English word for cleansing the body of impurities. You can hear Middle Englishmen using it, can you not, rural quacks closing the door upon some groaning bedchamber and telling the goodwife, "Im'll be roight as rain, now ov'e a-spurged 'im."



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And let me say, before you begin throwing things, that this is no mere digression. For *Spurge* itself — the item used for spurgin' — is a plant of the genus *euphorbia*. Its fruit contains an acid milky juice

possessing medicinal properties, some of which clearly did Juba II of Mauretania no end of good, otherwise Dr *Euphorbus* would have been out on his ear sharpish, and I should today be inconso-

lably glad over the likely fate of Harry Wharton, my Mexican jumping-bean.

Harry Wharton came into my life on Christmas morning, courtesy of my daughter. He came in a little glass phial, along with Bob Cherry, Johnny Bull, Frank Nugent, and Hurrell Jamset Ram Singh. I shook them out on to the breakfast table, and was about to eat them when Harry Wharton, the largest, began rolling around. As I watched, the rest began

rolling around, too. Quite uncanny, and slightly pitiful, for a most bizarre reason: my maternal grandfather had been, in his youth, a pavement escape-artist of no talent whatever, and had finally given up struggling to get out of sacks in the Mile End Road in order to be a hardly more successful barber, and watching these five beans now, I could not forbear the poignant recollection of his failure.

I put them in a bowl, and they continued to hop about so merrily that I had no qualms about leaving them when I went to France on December 28. When I came back last Monday, there were only four there. The largest,

Harry Wharton, had gone. I searched the room, but there was no trace. Dismal — I saw it blindly hopping about Cricklewood, trying, like a peculiar hybrid of Lassie and my grandfather, to get back to Acapulco — I began that chain of inquiry whose fruits lie strewn above.

I learned that the Mexican bean grows on euphorbiaceous plants, and jumps only because concealed within it is the larva of a tortricid moth (*L. torrix* = twister), which writhes more frantically the closer it comes to maturity. Harry Wharton, the Royal Entomological Society concluded, has in all probability lurched from his bowl and burst from his bean. He has become a Cricklewood Jumping Moth.

Relief, then; but fresh anxieties, too: could he survive, without his natural habitat? Relax, said Kew, England is full of spurge.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AFTER THE POGROM

Mob violence against Armenians living in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan is forcing Mr Gorbachov to transpose what has hitherto remained a political problem on to the military plane. The massacres have now rendered unavoidable a strong reinforcement of the military forces in this intractable region. The Armenians believe that the hideous lynchings in Baku could be the prelude to another massacre on the scale of the genocide which their beleaguered nation suffered 75 years ago at the hands of the Azeris' co-religionists in Turkey.

If reports from the Transcaucasian republics are to be believed, a complete breakdown of law and order occurred some time ago, with Armenian vigilantes replacing the forces of the State as the only protection available to isolated villages. That the Armenian "ghetto" in Baku should have been abandoned by the security forces last Saturday suggests an even more serious abdication of sovereignty by the Soviet authorities.

Fear of the Islamic peoples which virtually surround Armenia is, apart from force, the only adhesive which has hitherto bound Yerevan to Moscow. If the Kremlin leaves Armenia in the lurch, self-defence and secession are almost certain to be the consequences. A military solution is now the only one that has a chance of averting wholesale massacres which would shatter Soviet prestige in Armenia forever.

If the Azeri-Armenian conflict were Mr Gorbachov's only problem, he might just be able to isolate and contain it. However, it has become acute just as the other republics of the Union, too, are in open revolt. The Baltic states, Moldavia, and Ukraine are all in the process of extracting their independence in varying degrees. In Mongolia the leading role of the Communist Party is threatened; in the other Islamic republics, the Azerbaijani cause is cheered to the echo.

That cause, if victorious, might bring about Iranian condominium, accompanied by a

crusade against the Western influences by which Mikhail Gorbachov's reforming mission stands or falls. These are demands impossible for Moscow to appease and they are loaded with menace for the Armenians.

For the moment, the Soviet Government's priority must be to stop the pogroms. In the longer run, a settlement satisfactory to all the Islamic republics will have to be found.

Such a settlement, if it is to stop short of the disintegration of the Soviet Union, will be virtually impossible unless further Marxist-Leninist baggage is hurled overboard. An Islamic theocracy would be intolerable to the tens of millions of Russian settlers in the eastern and southern republics.

In order to deal with these life and death questions at home, Mr Gorbachov has already liquidated many of his liabilities across the globe. Talks began yesterday in Prague on the gradual removal of the substantial Soviet forces which were "temporarily" stationed there in 1968. It is still widely assumed in the West that Soviet troops will conduct an orderly, phased withdrawal over many years, within the framework of the CFE (Conventional Forces in Europe) talks in Vienna, and in conjunction with corresponding reductions in Nato forces.

Yet the implications of martial law in Azerbaijan for Soviet policy elsewhere are profound. To be sure, Moscow has many divisions, but the Soviet Union's resources could not sustain the gigantic burdens in Central Europe if conflicts of the kind now erupting in Transcaucasia were to spread elsewhere inside the Soviet borders.

Indeed, Mr Gorbachov must seek to prevent them at all costs. Preventive measures would, however, require a concentration of Soviet efforts at home quite incompatible with the great armies of occupation stationed abroad to which the West has become accustomed. The Red Army may retreat to Moscow far sooner than anybody supposed.

INCIDENT IN BELFAST

Governments faced with incidents of the kind in which three men were shot dead by plainclothes soldiers in Belfast on Saturday are prone to say that they are not operating a "shoot-to-kill" policy. It is understandable and right that their spokesmen should make clear the difference between terrorists and security forces: the latter are licensed to use force by an elected government. They are also defending soldiers and policemen against the accusation that they are "executing" suspects without good cause.

Yet this stance avoids the issue at the heart of such rows. Soldiers and policemen in Northern Ireland are equipped with lethal force for a good and simple reason: their lives are in danger without it. They are liable to find themselves, with and without warning, in situations in which they may face experienced and well-equipped opponents who are also armed. This description can do no justice to the unique quality of the decision which has to be made by a soldier or policeman who confronts a terrorist.

A decision has to be made in a fraction of a second about what kind of threat a suspect represents. Given the number of members of the security forces who have been killed on duty, soldiers and policemen have tended to err on the side of caution. A soldier who challenged a suspect terrorist in the Sperrin Mountains in 1980 was simply shot dead.

Terrorists — which is what the betting shop robbers dressed up to look like — are ready to behave with complete ruthlessness. Security forces have to be ready, in defence of themselves and others, to act with equal ruthlessness. If necessary, they will shoot to kill. They should continue to be ready to do so.

The application of this principle is not confined to Northern Ireland, although sustained terrorist campaigns make its occurrence there more likely. Armed bank raiders have been shot dead by the police in both the

mainland United Kingdom and in the Irish Republic in the last 12 months.

After the split-second decision has been made, the law takes over. The long, sorry saga of the Stalker-Sampson inquiry established that there was *prima facie* evidence that policemen had obstructed the inquiry after the event which was supposed to discover whether the decision to open fire had been justified. It is to be hoped that such inquiries can now proceed normally.

They will allow for the possibility that actions by the security forces may, with hindsight, be mistaken. But the question such an inquiry has to ask is whether any mistake was avoidable in the circumstances.

Doubt has been cast on the official explanation that the soldiers happened on the betting shop raid by chance. Given the effectiveness and speed of their response to what they saw, it does sound implausible. The most likely explanation for any possible official deception is concealment of the fact that the security forces had prior information that a raid was to take place.

The argument on this point ends up going round in circles. In this case there is so far only assertion and inference on it and no hard evidence either way. Any confidential inquiry, formal or informal, would need to continue to the protection of intelligence information.

A final secondary question could usefully be addressed by the Government. Members of the public are likely to be made uneasy by eyewitness accounts which say that wounded men were then finished off as they lay on the ground. Some evidence given by soldiers at the Gibraltar inquest last year suggested that soldiers shooting to kill aim to immobilize their opponent completely as fast as possible. If this is the way that soldiers are now trained, there is no harm in the Government making that known.

THE CARP AND THE RABBIT

Of all the French political parties, the only one which is not currently at sixes and sevens is the National Front. The communists are falling apart. Although it is still five years until the next presidential election, several leading socialists are already trying Mitterrand's shoes for size. Now, to the gloom of their opponents, two senior Gaullists have mounted a comprehensive attack on their own party leadership. If it is sustained, it could make Mrs Thatcher's recent passage with Sir Anthony Meyer look like a vicarage tea party.

The Gaullists have still not pulled themselves together after losing the 1988 presidential election. Like the General himself, they are not good losers. They entertain strong, almost mystical, views about their central place in the scheme of things. They are not as other men are: the *Rassemblement pour la République* is not a mere party, it is a movement.

Gaullists tend to talk about Grand Designs and France's universal mission. This all sounded tremendous in the mouth of de Gaulle himself, with his highly developed sense of theatre and his powerful command of the language. The General, however, was called to even higher things 20 years ago, and nobody has since been able to impose himself on his followers with such massive authority.

The frustration of some of the younger RPR members flared up once before. At the time of last year's European elections, some of them rocked the boat by deciding to run an independent list. One of them was Michel Noir, who had been Trade Minister during the Chirac premiership. A book he published at the time was called *The Mammoth Hunt*, and the application was cruelly plain — the place for a two-time loser like Chirac was in some sort of elephants' graveyard.

The challenge mounted this week is of a very different order. M Philippe Séguin, a former

Social Affairs Minister, is very much on the left of the movement. M Charles Pasqua, on the other hand, Minister of the Interior under M Chirac, is a robust right-winger who, at the time of the last presidential election, advocated collaboration with the National Front. Although both men see themselves as Gaullist populists, it is an improbable political alliance. The party's secretary-general, who clearly feels himself in the firing line along with M Chirac, thought that it flew in the face of nature — a marriage, he said, between a carp and a rabbit.

The joint Pasqua-Séguin declaration asserted that the RPR had not yet regained its self-confidence. It was in danger of being dispossessed of that quintessentially Gaullist *idée de la France* of which it had always seen itself as the guardian. What they wished to see was their movement renewed, transformed and enlarged into a *Nouveau Rassemblement*.

Both men deny that they wish to get rid of M Chirac, although M Pasqua believes that he would broaden his appeal as a right-wing presidential candidate if he gave up the leadership of the RPR. M Séguin, a public servant before he entered politics, expresses his views more obliquely, and manages at times to sound like a Gallic version of R. A. Butler. Chirac, he says, is their best possible candidate for the presidency — "he might pass on the torch one day, but one can't snatch it from him". M Chirac should clearly watch his back.

His candid friends may for all that have done him a service. Pasqua was very much the kingmaker when Chirac became leader of the party. His sole ambition now, he said on television at the weekend, was to see his protégé "come out of his bunker" as Mayor of Paris and rediscover his old self. M Chirac may just have been sufficiently enraged by the events of the past week to do precisely that.

A 'sweetener' of extra fuel tax

From Mr Thomas E. Whittle
Sir, Having tried without success for several years, may I through your columns suggest to our new Chancellor, who may have to adopt a tight Budget stance, a popular sweetener which would cost the Exchequer nothing — a reform twice hinted at by the Public Accounts Committee. It is the oft-repeated urge to the Chancellor to transfer the tax element of vehicle excise duty (VED) to the fuel tax and the registration element to a strengthened annual MOT. The merits of this reform are overwhelming, viz.

1. Evasion of VED is apparently not difficult. Deterrence is costly and the penalties imposed by courts seem low. The cost to the revenue is at least £100 million a year — grossly unfair to honest drivers. Unlicensed cars are also liable to be uninsured and unroadworthy — a public danger.

2. In contrast, the tax on petrol and diesel is the cheapest by far to collect and is practically evasion-proof.

3. Positive identification of vehicles by authorised garages would be much more efficient than the present unseen system. Since registration, with its concomitant proof of insurance and roadworthiness, relates to the car, a tamper-proof disc should be affixed, eliminating administratively-costly refunds and showing clear evidence on the vehicle.

4. The extra fuel tax, based on average usage of, say, 300 gallons (1,364 litres) a year, should not exceed 33p a gallon, less if account is taken of eliminated evasion. About 66 per cent of motorists would pay about the same, but spread over the year.

Yours etc,
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January 13.

To memory dear

From Mr Colin MacGregor
Sir, Now I have retired I have been looking through old papers and I have come across my school bills.

I went to Lancing College in September, 1933, and left five years later in July, 1938. I had an exhibition for £50 a year.

My school dues for the Christmas term, 1933, were £37 6s. 8d. The school dues for the summer term of 1938 were £37 6s. 8d. also.

This means the school dues for a whole year, including tuition and full board, were £162 — and for five years there was no change!

Surely the present generation must find these figures incredible.

Yours faithfully,
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Surrey.

Charity reform

From Sir Harold Haywood
Sir, In her article of January 3, Julia MacGregor suggests the Charities Aid Foundation Grants Council as a way of distributing funds raised from a small tax surcharge. Not surprisingly other correspondents (January 3, 9) have objected to the idea of the foundation becoming a bureaucracy for distributing such funds.

In defence of the Charities Aid Foundation, of which I am a trustee and also chairman of its Grants Council, may I make it clear first that its members are drawn in strict accordance with the trust deed, from a representative selection of charities. They make recommendations to trustees, who do not interfere in their decisions. It is an exceptionally fair, informed, and objective distribution system.

Furthermore, it is a system which is being increasingly used to help with special needs, most recently for the environment and Eastern Europe. Trustees have agreed to set up special funds for these purposes which are open to others to put money into or indeed apply to.

Therefore, despite the romantic emphasis on person-to-person giving being the best, it is just not possible for each of us to have the necessary knowledge to give effectively to the range of needs we are faced with. Special systems are required, which it is helpful to castigate as being bureaucratic.

A new source of stable funds would have much to commend it, particularly if those advising on who should get it were as informed and motivated as my Grants Council happens to be!

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD HAYWOOD,
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Kent.

A dying species

From Mr N. J. Collar
Sir, Morocco's three remaining slender-billed curlews are indeed prime targets for international "twitters", but your article (January 5) was mistaken in reporting that the reasons for the species' decline are unknown. Analysis of the bird's history by

The penultimate paragraph in Mr Peter Leitch's letter on court delays yesterday should have read in part: "... we have one client on remand at a local prison who was committed on October 25, 1989, and whose case has not even reached the Warden List."

Japan's lessons for UK industry

From the President, Institution of Production Engineers
Sir, The article by David Davis, MP, "Science too pure by far" (January 4), and the ensuing correspondence (January 8, 12, 15) is highly pertinent. As the UK's main manufacturing engineering institution, we have long held that lack of a balanced R & D programme is one of the main reasons why Europe has lost significant market share to world competitors, notably Japan — and this in spite of the fact that there is often technical comparability between European and Japanese products.

As worried industrialists sought for an explanation of their loss of market share, it became progressively clear that past R & D strategies had focused too narrowly on the science and technology of products whilst neglecting economic manufacturing-systems requirements. Too many engineers were concerned with technical excellence rather than applying technology to generate profits for the enterprise.

The R & D culture has become too concerned with the creation of knowledge at the expense of the application of knowledge to wealth creation. Over-production of scientists and under-production of engineers by universities and polytechnics exacerbated the problem. Japanese manufacturing industry, besides having three times as many engineers in total, has one manufacturing-development engineer for every product-development engineer, compared with one to 10 in the UK.

Half of Japanese schoolchildren are educated in general technical schools up to the age of 18. In industry there is considerable emphasis on training in up-to-date engineering and systems skills for all levels, including graduates. These all help to shape a national interest in technology and the determination to be successful in its application.

In Europe research into manufacturing systems, processes, and machinery has been neglected in many industries, and there has been over-expectation of the impact of electronics and computer-based manufacturing technology implanted in isolation from many other supporting elements of the

business system. Fortunately for the UK, the tide is starting to turn, although there is still a long way to go. The creation of extra places for new manufacturing-systems engineering courses is one of the most important Government initiatives in higher education in recent years.

Additionally, the Government's determination to emphasise science education as a key part of the national curriculum will help create a population with a thirst for science and technology and its application in the broadest sense to the creation of national wealth. Yours faithfully,

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January 15.

From Dr P. D. J. Wetzman
Sir, There is a confusion in David Davis's attack on "pure science research". By definition, "applied science" can only flourish from a strong "pure science" base.

Certainly, the progression and harnessing of knowledge from pure, via applied, to the emergence of new products — technology transfer — is a process in which Britain needs to become more skilled. But it is a quite different process from that of basic scientific investigation; it requires different skills and awareness and is not especially the forte of our able young scientists.

If Britain's extraordinary success with Nobel prizes is not reflected in comparable technological and economic prowess, it is hardly logical to put the blame on investment in basic science.

For all the whingeing that goes on, Britain is still an advanced civilized society with an enviable cultural heritage and commitment. Part of that rests on our success in science which, like our assets in national art treasures and collections, cannot be assessed strictly in terms of immediate and tangible gains.

Yours faithfully,
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Price of justice

From Sir Honour Judge Willcock, QC
Sir, When Mr Kilroy-Silk writes "Brute realities of 'freedom'" (January 5) that "the reality is that only the rich can buy the best education and health care" I am sure that we can all agree. But when he goes on to assert "that justice is not available for the poor" he may be writing exciting journalism, but it is simply not true.

Four hundred or more circuit judges and countless hundreds of magistrates are daily listening to the problems of the poor, not just the offences of which they may stand charged, but the problems of their marriages, their habitations, their children, tenancies and mortgages, wrongful dismissals, troubles with neighbours, problems with debt repayments, and so on.

A host of social workers, probation officers, solicitors and barristers attend to their legal problems. They are almost, to a man, legally-aided and, unlike non-assisted persons, if they should lose the case they bring or that is brought against them, they seldom pay a penny towards the cost of the court proceedings, which is footed by the taxpayer.

This, I think, fairness and justice so far as any of us are capable of administering it. The people to whom justice is not available are those falling between poor and rich, since legal aid is not available to them, save on unaffordable terms.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH WILLCOCK,
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Second Floor, Temple, E.C.4.

Gallery parties

From the Head of Education, National Gallery
Sir, I am happy to be able to reassure Mr Bernard Dunstan (January 9). School parties leave the National Gallery by 3 p.m., allowing the individual visitor ample time, before 6 p.m. closing, in which to pursue the solitary study of paintings.

Even earlier in the day, however, groups of small children spend no more than 10 minutes or so in front of any single picture — never "the duration of their lesson". Close individual consideration of paintings is thus possible, with perhaps a little flexibility, at any time of day.

The gallery cherishes all its visitors, children and adults, in groups and singly. I am sure that, upon consideration, Mr Dunstan would not wish us to limit opportunities for all children to acquire that love of art which he himself enjoys.

Yours sincerely,
ERIKA LANGMUIR,
Head of Education,
National Gallery,
Trafalgar Square, WC2.

tats. If these are destroyed by the cuddly little "tree rat" then any chance of re-establishing them in the wild may be gone for ever.

Conservation of animal species is of the utmost importance, but we must remember that these animals depend on trees, and other plants, for food and shelter. Serious conservationists know that a balance must be maintained.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. W. LOWE,
General Secretary for the Conservation of Plants & Gardens,
The Pines, c/o Wisley Garden,
Woking, Surrey.

Easier access to environment law

From Mr Richard Buxton
Sir, This country is awash with laws which supposedly protect the environment. The new Environmental Protection Bill promises to strengthen the armoury. Laws will, however, remain inadequate so long as the public continues to find it hard to go to court to protect the environment in which we and our fellow creatures live.

The new Bill does allow a scrap of easier public supervision (on litter). For the most part, however, we just have to trust public authorities to apply and enforce our environmental laws diligently. Unfortunately they so often appear to lack adequate staff, funds, or even the will to do so.

Nor is the established system always fair. For example, decisions of planning authorities (which often have serious implications for the environment) can only be challenged as of right by disappointed developers, and not by others who seek to question them.

Individuals and organisations who seek help from the courts to keep authorities up to the mark face two serious hindrances. First, they must show a "sufficient interest" in a problem for the court to hear them. This means some specific relationship to the problem or a statutory right to complain. As opponents of development of the Rose Theatre found out, it is not good enough simply to care about something, to suspect a decision has been taken unlawfully, or to know that laws are not being enforced.

Second, once inside the court the applicant who loses risks paying the other side's costs. This is a well-known risk of litigation (except for the legally-aided) when powerful opponents can price out the less well-off. It is particularly oppressive, though, in environmental cases which promote public and not personal interests.

In the United States it is easy to have standing in the courts and each side usually pays its own costs. To advocate change is — yes — to suggest we should become more American in these matters. It has taken a decade or two to see the light, but we are now (just) beginning to follow the American lead in environmental thought and practice. The courts have had an important role in shaping that over there. They should be allowed to do so here.

The Government has an opportunity, in the forthcoming White Paper on the environment, to address these basic issues. If the law itself is going properly to reflect the needs of the new environmental age, so must it be feasible for the public in whose interests that law exists to see it put into practice, and fairly.

It may be wrong to become as liberal on these points as other countries, but the balance should at least be redressed so that it is easier to have standing before the courts, and less risky on legal costs. We all live in one world and changes will be in the long-term interests of developers, polluters, authorities, and the greenest alike.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUXTON,
Mills & Reeve (Solicitors),
Francis House,
112 Hills Road, Cambridge.
January 13.

Quick passports

From Mr W. B. Evans
Sir, So Mr Marsh (January 13) had to wait 18 days for his new passport. On December 28 I entrusted to my mother-in-law, on her return to Wales, passport applications on behalf of two of my children and myself, and of my wife's passport for deletion of the children's details. These she delivered to the Newport Passport Office on December 29. We received all four passports in the post on January 3 — one-and-a-half working days later! Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM BRABYN EVANS,
As from: 26 Lynwood Drive,
Worcester Park, Surrey.

Indirect mail

From Mr Barry Rockhill
Sir, This morning I received from Zimbabwe a letter promising me that I can save 25 per cent on my postage costs by the simple method of posting all my letters from Harare! It couldn't be simpler, the promoters of this service promise. Just deliver all my correspondence to their agent in London, who will have them sent overnight by courier to Harare. There they will be franked, posted, and be back in Britain within four or five days.

Their letter to me was posted in Harare on January 4 and arrived by first post today. Might I suggest that the Post Office contact their colleagues in Zimbabwe to discover how it's done. Yours faithfully,
BARRY ROCKHILL,
(Managing Director),
Maneko Ltd.,
19 Woodfield Road, Paddington, W9,
January 8.

From Mr Negley Harte
Sir, Writing from the London School of Economics, Professor Theo Barker (January 8) complains about long postal addresses. Am I right in supposing that he has the shortest internationally-recognisable postal address?

When I was a student at the school years ago I recall getting letters from the United States addressed simply "L. S. E." Yours faithfully,
NEGLEY HARTE,
University College London,
Department of History,
Gower Street, WC1.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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SANDRINGHAM
January 15: The Hon Ramon Hnatyshyn (Governor-General designate of Canada) and Mrs Hnatyshyn have left Sandringham.

By command of The Queen, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewes (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex) was present at Stansted Airport - London this afternoon upon the departure of the Hon Ramon Hnatyshyn (Governor-General designate of Canada) and Mrs Hnatyshyn and bade farewell on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 15: This morning, The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, received the Reverend Canon W. J. D. Down on relinquishing his appointment as General Secretary. Afterwards Her Royal High-

ness, President, the Missions to Seamen, attended a lunch at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London.

In the afternoon, The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, attended a seminar at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, London.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

In the evening, The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, attended a seminar at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 15: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel A. L. D. de H. Larpen on assuming command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel D. James on relinquishing the appointment.

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Banks, graphic designer, 58; Sir Alastair Blair, former Writer to the Signet, 82; Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 74; Sir Robin Dunn, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 72; Professor Sir Peter Hinch, metallurgist, 65; Professor A.M. Hunter, theologian, 84; Sir Jack Layden, chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 64; Professor Elaine Murphy, professor of psycho-geriatrics, 43; Mr R.L. Ormond, director, National Maritime Museum, 51; Miss N.S. Peppard, race relations consultant, 68; Mr K.H. Shackleton, artist and naturalist, 67; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, geologist, 74; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, 69; Mr Cliff Thorburn, snooker player, 42; Miss Christine Truman, tennis player, 49; Lady Valzay, art critic, 52; Professor Sir William Wade, QC, former Master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 72; Mr Michael White, theatre and film producer, 54.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Help the Aged, will visit the Senior Leisure Care Centre, Universities Settlement in East London, Toynebee Hall, at 10.15; and will visit the Outset employment scheme for disabled people at the Globe Town Neighbourhood Centre, 62 Roman Road, E2, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal will attend a dinner given by the Thirty Club at London at Claridge's hotel at 7.15.

Princess Margaret will attend a private view of the Frans Hals exhibition at the Royal Academy, at 7.00 in aid of Crucifix and the Haemophilia Society.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Ian Hamilton, general, Corfu, 1853; Sir John Forbes-Robertson, actor-manager, London, 1853; Andre Michelin, pioneer of mass production of motor tyres, 1853; Edward Gordon Craig, stage designer and director, Sevenoaks, Hertfordshire, 1872; Robert Service, poet, Preston, 1874; Ethel Merman, singer, New York, 1909.

DEATHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1794; Sir John Moore, died of his wounds at the battle of Corunna, 1809; Leo Delibes, composer, Paris, 1891; Arnold Böcklin, painter, Fiesole, Italy, 1901; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, New York, 1957.

School announcements

King William's College, Isle of Man
Spring term began on January 12. David Solly and Winifred Cannon continue as Head of School and Senior Girl respectively. The Lord Bishop will conduct the Confirmation Service on February 25. On March 5, Group Captain I.S. Corbett, Officer Commanding Royal Air Force, Lyneham, will visit the CCF Contingent. The Adrian Hookham Seven Tournament for preparatory schools will take place on March 11. The CCF Annual Inspection, on March 19, will be conducted by OKW, Rear Admiral J. Carine, Chief of Staff to C-in-C Naval Home Command. The Chapel Choir will sing the services in Ripon Cathedral over the weekend March 24/25. Term ends on March 29. The London OKW Dinner is on March 16, at the Naval Club, 18 Hill Street, W1. Details: H.G. Wallis 0753 887700.

The Royal Naval School

The girls returned for the Spring Term on January 11. Term ends on March 26. Half Term February 16-20. The 150th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Guildford Cathedral at 3 pm on Sunday, March 25, 1990. Summer Term will begin on April 19.

Dinners

College of Occupational Therapists
The Princess Royal, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will be the guest of honour at a reception and dinner held yesterday at the Royal Automobile Club to mark the opening of a conference organized by the college, the RAC and the Department of Neurosurgery at the London Hospital. She was greeted by Mr Jeffrey Rose, chairman of the club, Lord Ennals, president of the college, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, vice-president, Mrs Margaret Ellis, chairman, and Professor E.S. Watkins.

Chatham Dining Club
Mr John Yaxley, Hong Kong Commissioner, was the principal guest at a Chatham Dining Club dinner held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Jeremy Drax presided.

Correction

Princess Michael of Kent celebrated her birthday yesterday, not Prince Michael as stated.

Rice poses uncertain threat to the greenhouse effect

Methane gas is a potent contributor to the greenhouse effect, and rice paddies are a source of the gas. The first field measurements, from California, were published in 1981: extrapolation of these data suggested a smaller rate of emission: 59,000 million kg. But the Californian measurements were made only sporadically, and a continuous record of methane emission from a Spanish rice field indicated a range of values, between 39,000 and 59,000 million kg. But work in Italy suggested higher values, between 70,000 and 170,000 million kg.

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plants exude nutrients in July, inducing another methane peak, and root decay in August leads to a third peak. This last is strongest in fertilized fields, because fertilizers encourage the growth of denser root systems.

Fertilizers can change the picture completely: different fertilizers - and even the ways in which they are applied - influence the growth pattern in various ways, but it is generally the case that organic fertilizers, such as composted rice straw, lead to increased methane production by giving the bacteria more to work on.

Why chemical fertilizers depress methane emission, though, is a surprise, but there is a good reason in the case of sulphates: these encourage sulphate-digesting bacteria at the expense of methane producers.

The big unanswered question is the style of rice-growing in the Far East. Eastern Asia is the host to 90 per cent of the world's rice fields, but there is remarkably little information on how the rice is grown, the use of fertilizers, or how much methane is produced. By highlighting the many factors involved, the German research has brought this startling ignorance into sharp focus.

Henry Gee

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.D.T. Crawley
and **Miss S.J. Bayliss**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Jonathan Crawley, of Queensgate Gardens, SW7, and the late Hon Mrs John Warrender and Belinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rowland, of Mountfort Crescent, NI.

Mr T.M. Austen
and **Miss C. Critchley**
The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of Wing Commander and Mrs Peter Austen, of Swasey, Kent, and Coralie, youngest daughter of Mrs Shirley Critchley and the late Mr Robert Critchley, of Parkstone, Dorset.

Mr D.A. Clanch
and **Miss C.A. Spearman**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Brigadier and Mrs J.C. Clanch, of Ashford, Hampshire, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Spearman, of Blackmore, Essex.

Mr L.S. Curle
and **Miss S.J.M. Davies**
The engagement is announced between Lee Stacey, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Curle, of Allison Cottage, Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr Martin Davies, of Los Angeles, USA, and Mrs David Disney Barlow, of the Hook, South Chazley, Sussex.

Mr S.W. Edwards
and **Miss J.M. Coates**
The engagement is announced between Stephen William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Edwards, of Egham, Surrey, and Jennifer Mary, only daughter of Mr Peter Coates, of Fleckney, Leics, and Mrs Janet Hetherington, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr P. Elledge
and **Miss S. Leadbeter**
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Elledge, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Leadbeter, both of Harpenden.

Mr M.C. Fell
and **Miss M.B. Upton**
The engagement is announced between Mark Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs William Fell, of Swasey, West Glamorgan, and Mary Beth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Warren Upton, of Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr J. Fraser
and **Miss C.J. Darroch**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A. David Fraser, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Christine Joanna, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs Duncan Darroch of Gowerock, The Red House, Camberley, Surrey.

Mr J. Graham-Hart
and **Miss S.D. Lake**
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr Edward Hart and the late Mrs Norah Hart, of Aldwick, West Sussex, and Sara Denyse, only daughter of Mr John Lake, of Guildford, Surrey, and Mrs Denyse Roberts, of Hastings, East Sussex.

Mr M.N. Gregory
and **Miss J. Aldridge**
The engagement is announced between Martyn, younger son of Mr Basil Gregory and the late Mrs Molly Gregory, of Up Hatherley, Gloucestershire, and Fenelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Aldridge, of Monmouth, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marsh, of Quince, Breamshot, Hampshire.

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OBITUARIES

GORDON JACKSON

Modest professional who found TV fame

Gordon Jackson, OBE, the Scottish actor best known for his portrayal of the punctilious butler, Hudson, in the television series *Upstairs, Downstairs*, died on January 14 at the age of 66 after a short illness.

In a long career, which started when he was a teenager and embraced the theatre, television and the cinema, Jackson was never quite a star but considerably more than the jobbing actor that he liked to regard himself as.

He appeared in more than 60 films, played a variety of stage parts from Shakespeare and Ibsen to Agatha Christie and after *Upstairs, Downstairs* he had a second major success on television as head of the anti-terrorist squad in *The Professionals*.

Yet he always took a very modest view of his ability and his achievements. He even claimed that he did not enjoy acting and he would never watch his own performances on the screen. He suffered more than most from the actor's fears and insecurities and regarded every performance as an ordeal.

That none of this showed says much for his professionalism and dedication. Though never pretending to a wide range, he was a thoroughly polished and reliable actor who may have worried about his craft but seldom let himself or his audience down.

Gordon Cameron Jackson was born on December 19, 1923, the youngest of five children whose father taught printing in Glasgow. He was educated at Hillhead High School in Glasgow but left at 15 to become an engineering draughtsman with Rolls-Royce.

At school he had been encouraged by a master to join a group of amateur actors and as a child he had broadcast in BBC radio plays. When Ealing Studios wanted a young Scottish actor to play a soldier in the film, *The Foreman Went to France*, the BBC suggested Jackson.

He was 17 and Rolls-Royce allowed him time off work because the film was considered part of the war effort. He appeared in other wartime films, including *Millions Like Us* and *San Demetrio, London*, while continuing with his job as a draughtsman but eventually decided to make acting his career.

He had repertory experience in Glasgow, Worthing and Perth before making his London stage debut in 1951 in the long running farce, *Seagulls Over*

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THE ARTS

I want to tell you a story

TELEVISION
Sheridan Morley

Somewhere deep in the basement of the Television Centre, or so I have always believed, the BBC maintains a training school for lovable eccentrics. Perfectly ordinary people, devoid of mannerisms, funny walks, bizarre clothing or peculiarities of speech, are duly admitted, put through a rigorous programme of quirkiness, and then sent out on to the highways and byways as David Bellamy or Patrick Moore, or that woman who used to shoot at dogs.

One of the school's senior alumni is Alfred Wainwright, now 83. He is most famous for the fact that in a book called *The Pennine Way Companion*, published 20 years ago, he promised to stand a drink to anyone who could walk the 270 miles of that Way in a single journey.

Over subsequent editions, the offer has been reduced from a pint of beer to a mere half-pint, but even so has cost him something like £10,000, so one can only hope the book was a bestseller. At any event, Wainwright is now also available on television, and started last night a new BBC 2 series, *Count to Coast Walk*.

The counts in this case are those of Cumbria and Yorkshire, and lest Wainwright appear to be talking to himself all along the way, the BBC have sent him a minder. This is Eric Robson, who is inclined to refer to nearby mountains as "unimpressive and unimpressive", thereby suggesting a lullaby Wordsworth in uneasy alliance with a boxing promoter.

Wainwright himself says very little. This may be because he is still worrying about all those free drinks he once offered (a subject mindbogglingly never referred to in last night's film). Or it may be because decades of walking around the fells with a pipe stuck in his teeth have left him with very little of interest to relate.

As the film began, he told his companion to walk into the Irish Sea, an instruction Robson obeyed, though not for nearly long enough. "Britain's best-loved fell-walker" was how Robson described him, thereby suggesting the winner of some peculiarly arcane competition. One wondered, during the 43rd shot of a mountain looking unimpressive and unimpressive, who is Britain's second most loved fell-walker. Wainwright contented himself with the occasional mutter about declining standards and the fact that it is only logical to walk from west to east, since then the weather is behind you.

For the purposes of this film, the weather was all around them, and raining as usual. "Are we any closer?" Robson would occasionally ask pathetically, since their destination had been only vaguely specified as some three weeks' fell-walking away. "No," said Wainwright, "we are further away," thereby suggesting that maybe the compass had already gone a bit awry.

After seven miles or so they met a Youth Hostel warden. He said mountains were a great place to stand around drinking coffee, unlike Newcastle, where (he implied) you might get knocked down by a bus. Then there were some more mournful shots of lakes and fells and we were all told to come back next week at the same time. By then, they might have managed to find a taxi.

TOMORROW

Jim McCue on the art of Laurence Whistler

Mark-Anthony Turnage, new associate composer to the CBSO, talks to Stephen Pettitt

First for second city

Anyone who saw Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Greek*, his Steven Berkoff-based, street-wise opera performed at the Edinburgh Festival last year, will know that this 29-year-old, Essex-born composer seems to have a penchant for outrage and violence. It stems, perhaps, from a childhood spent in what he regards as the featureless, grey landscape of suburbia.

This month, Turnage takes up a three-year appointment as associate composer of Simon Rattle's City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, a job financed by the Radcliffe Trust. He expects to compose at least three significant new works during his tenure.

"I do not set out to be controversial," Turnage says, suddenly looking like a child caught eating sweets in class. What some see as controversy in his music, he apparently regards as part of his duty, an attempt to remove elitism from art.

For him, spiritual insight entails awareness, and preferably direct experience, of social reality. His political views, sometimes expressed abrasively, are liberationist and left-wing. He abhors the oppression of minorities and will champion their cause, even though he may not be one of their number. "Things in this country are terrible for minorities like blacks and gays and the unemployed. Section 28, for instance. Everywhere, money is more important than people."

The fact that his associateship is at Birmingham augurs well. Some indication of the possible dynamism of the relationship was given by the CBSO's magnificent performance last autumn of Turnage's ironic yet eminently symphonic orchestral work *Three Screaming Popes* (the title is from Francis Bacon's painting trilogy, in the Tate Gallery).

Turnage is insistent that he will not be changed into a music-producing machine for the period of his tenure. "I am not just going to throw things together: that would be terrible. I have deliberately



No categories, please: Mark-Anthony Turnage is a composer who does not seek outrage for its own sake

been keeping quiet and working slowly on pieces.

"It's useless just to churn out pieces, because they would be sub-standard. I have also got to take care of the other commitments I have, first of all."

"Educationally, I would like to be involved more with the 18 to 40 group, because there seems to me to be a gap in the Birmingham audiences there. But it is important for me to do things like going drinking with the players, to get to know them socially. In that way they understand what I am trying to do better, and I understand them, too."

Turnage is a composer who clearly draws inspiration from specific performers. Instances of that abound in his work, from the student days of *To a Black Dancer* and his first major success, *Night Dances* (inspired by Miles Davis) onwards. Indeed, his admiration

of the talents of other performers and composers extends almost to boyish, wide-eyed hero-worship.

His chief compositional (and personal and social) guru is the German composer Hans Werner Henze, under whose influence Greek was spawned. It was largely to Henze, too, that Turnage owed the first staging of what will surely count as the most notable first opera written by a young composer in the 1980s.

Talking about being asked to compose some new introductory music for the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, Turnage says: "What I really dislike is being categorized." He was commissioned, apparently, because he could be relied upon to produce something with a tune. He is, reportedly, known as a "lyrical composer", despite the

unmistakable feeling of anger that characterizes all his best music.

So what, in terms of new pieces, has been agreed for Birmingham? "There will probably be three major works, one each year. First is a piece for the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group for cello and ensemble, taken from music I had written for another [now abandoned] operatic project about Charles Mingus. I will also be working on sections, perhaps some standing freely, for the big piece I am planning for 1992."

"Then, in 1991, there will be a work for the CBSO Chorus - something self-contained, but which could also end up as part of the big 1992 piece. It is being programmed with Mahler Two for the opening of the new concert hall, so it will be on the same sort of scale, and will have a text by a living writer: someone like Edward Bond."

An orchestral story

CONCERTS
Paul Griffiths

BBC SO/Berio
Barbican Hall

This was the right way to start the BBC's four-day Berio festival: a concert leading up to one of his most festive works, the *Sinfonia* of 1968-9, attended by a large and enthusiastic audience. But then, all the other concerts look pretty spectacular too.

Monday evening brought the new *Casticum Novissini Testamenti II*, which, from extracts broadcast at the weekend, sounds utterly entrancing; tonight's programme presents Berio underground in his Mahler song orchestrations and surfacing in two recent scores of his own: tomorrow his first big theatre piece, *Passaggio*, will be balanced by *Coro*, a monument of songs and sweeping tableaux. The exuberant, creative vitality of the man is being well-represented and initiated in the programming.

As for the performances so far, there may be some doubt whether Berio is his own best servant as conductor, but his account of *Sinfonia* was fascinating, not least in the light of the brief comments he had made to the audience beforehand. Deprecating the fashion for collage, which he suggested he had initiated with the *Mahlerian* river scene at the centre of this work (though surely lives was there half a century before), he proceeded to underplay that aspect of the piece.

I have never heard a performance in which so few of the quotations were clearly audible, and those few, perhaps with the exception of the waltz episodes appearing by courtesy of Richard

Strauss and Ravel, were weakly characterized. The running commentary provided by the eight amplified vocalists was also depressed, at least until near the end of the movement.

The effect was to concentrate attention on what one might naively call the "original" substance of the music - namely, because the handling in of verbal and musical references, is surely the work's most original feature. However, Berio and the BBC Symphony players made a good case for hearing all the allusion and glamour of the music as surface chatter on a line that begins as Berio, continues as Mahler subverted by Berio, and then ends as Berio subverted by Berio.

That line was made particularly prominent by the playing of the five movements as a continuous half-hour whole, and by the pointing of the strands from the first and second movements that are drawn into the fabric of the last, so that the work ends by racing backwards towards its beginning. The notion of the work as a single utterance was also strengthened by the effect at the start of an orchestra stuttering into speech, and then, in the later stages of the opening movement, sounding great phonemes of clattering and richly-coloured sound. Here was *Sinfonia* as a story for orchestra.

Earlier, there were other stories: the uncharacteristically broad joke of the four discrepant versions of Boccherini's night portrait of Madrid superimposed on one another, the nostalgia for Russian nostalgia of *Ritorno degli svedesi*, with Rohan de Saram tracking a lean path as the cello soloist, and the pencil-drawn mirror play of *Coro* around Carlo Chirappi's crispy virtuoso performance of Berio's own violin *Sognando*.

Haydn's *Ariadne*. In a Sunday afternoon programme shared with players from Donus for the South Bank's continuing Haydn series (the series made possible by British and Commonwealth Holdings), the mezzo gave thrilling voice to the music's expressive intensity.

Although the vogue for solo cantatas was dying out at the end of the 18th century, *Ariadne* at *Naxos* took the London musical public by storm during Haydn's first visit here in 1791, when he accompanied a castrato soloist. The need now for it to be sung by a woman's voice also supports the partnership with a modern grand piano, played by Graham Johnson with a wealth of descriptive colour.

Following his lead in the introduction, the singer suggested a sleeper stirring into full consciousness by the varying weights and shading of voice, as *Ariadne* looks for Theseus to return in the first recitative and aria, then, in the second, lets the dawning anxiety of her plight spill over into ultimate misery. Her musical sensibility and feeling went deeply into an eloquently developing lament, and raged more than the audience's merely polite applause.

Susan Tomes, the Donus pianist, began with a brightly rhythmic account of the C major Sonata from Haydn's last group, using the piano's resources to subtle expressive effect. Sonority and dynamics were nicely gauged throughout, not least in the improvisatory middle movement, and she brought comparable qualities in relation to the violin and cello in two more of the Piano Trios that these concerts are helping to highlight.

In both the breezy C major Trio (H27), and its near neighbour in E flat (H29), with its shapeliness of contrapuntal line in the Andantino movement and the rustic festivity of the finale, the piano was properly the central focus. In these works her collegial function rather like armorial supporters, but their own individuality was enjoyably evident as Haydn's new and original ideas sprang surprises at every turn.

CABARET

John Connor

The Famous Compere's
Police Dog
Duke of York's

This is Amnesty's smaller-scale version of the "Secret Policeman's Ball". It was started three years ago, to give the best from the comedy cabaret circuit a showcase in the West End over three consecutive Sunday nights in January.

As with all such comedy variety shows raising money for a good and obviously serious cause, the sombre side has to be put. Compere for the evening, Arthur Smith, introduced Martin Frensdorff of Amnesty.

He hesitantly apologized for "having to do this in the middle of a comedy show", and then proceeded to read out how a professor in one South American capital had gone out shopping at midday, and was not seen again... "until nine o'clock that night". Cue relieved laughter. In his own witty routine, Smith returned the compliment with the observation: "Torture and imprisonment are not good for light comedy - unless the subject is Jeremy Beadle."

In long charity shows - this one ran to only three-and-a-half hours - such moments are to be treasured. There is a certain slapdash quality to these occasions:

they cannot be rehearsed and polished in advance, like a one-off, and their success is dependent purely on the energies of those taking part on the night.

The first half was rather lacklustre, except for the performance of manic mime, Les Bubb. His send-up of the mime stereotype, with white gloves, immovable balloon and glass cage, works far better in a theatre than a club.

By the beginning of the second half, energy seemed suddenly to have arrived, even though the material was deteriorating. In a somewhat over-written puno spoof (by satirist Nick Revell) the cast stumbled around corpsing continuously.

It was also very hard to keep a straight face when Chris Lynam, a superb clown, appeared in a slinky dress as Margaret Thatcher. As some of the audience were not slow in pointing out, he has good legs.

It may have taken three years, but the cabaret circuit crowd had finally turned the Duke of York's into a club gig. The audience forgot they were in a "proper theatre", and joined in.

The old style of revue needed a theatrical framework, a wall between audience and performer. Today's comedy cabaret, which is simply traditional variety re-invented by a generation which missed the original, needs that wall to be demolished.

It is something which, in 10 years of comedy-watching, I had never seen happen in a West End theatre. Top circuit stand-ups Kevin Day, Jo Brand and Chris Lynam (in his own set), danced on that wall. Then the superb rhythm 'n' blues band, Ronnie & The Rex, thundered it down. The audience danced in the aisles and the boxes waved their approval. Not a bad way to spend a Sunday night in January - and there are still two more to go.

Foreshadowing their freedom

British director

Declan Donnellan
tells Vera Lustig how
his Cheek by Jowl
company polarized
opinions on a visit to
Romania last April:
the Politburo walked
out, but the people
relished them

"Glib and perfunctory" is how theatre director Declan Donnellan describes the British television coverage of events in Romania over Christmas. For him, that momentous footage may have been inadequate, but it was of special interest. In April of last year, he visited Bucharest with his company Cheek by Jowl, in productions of *The Tempest* and Sophocles's *Philoctetes*. Visits by foreign companies were a great rarity in pre-revolutionary Romania. "The British ambassador had to meet the highest officials of the Party," says Donnellan. "They only gave their consent because they expected safe Shakespeare and safe Sophocles."

Cheek by Jowl's work is far from safe even in Britain, where it sweeps up awards while provoking controversy and irate letters from teachers. In Bucharest's National Theatre, packed with over 2,000 people, the audience were even more sharply polarized. "The atmosphere was electric," recalls



Coldly manic tyrant: Timothy Walker as Prospero in *The Tempest*

Timothy Walker, who played Prospero. "It was exhilarating and dangerous. Members of the Politburo sat in the front four rows, and the audience seemed to be glancing towards them to see how they were reacting. The Politburo walked out of the performance - any one of them staying behind would presumably have lost his job. As for the rest of the audience, there must have been police informers among them, but whenever we spoke of tyranny there would be a palpable frisson, and whenever anyone uttered the word 'freedom', which happens a lot in *The Tempest*, they applauded and cheered. When we rushed into the audience at the end of the masque scene shouting 'freedom', it seemed as though the whole thing was about to go out of control."

Timothy Walker played Prospero as a coldly manic, tyrannical theatre director. Mirroring his "cell" on the stage was a vast, curtained box, set in the back wall of the auditorium. "We're not talking subtle here," says Walker - this was the Ceausescu box, unoccupied during Cheek by Jowl's visit.

The personality cult of Romania's leaders was at once terrifying and comical. "Romanian TV showed endless slow-motion film of children running towards Nicolae and Elena with bunches of flowers," recalls Donnellan. It was a cult which Romanian audiences were keen to puncture. In Cheek by Jowl's *Tempest* the King of Naples became a queen, tricked out in the stiff, dowdy regalia of the wealthy. "We'd just meant her to be a rich, powerful woman, any rich, powerful woman, but in Britain audiences assumed that it was an impersonation of Margaret Thatcher. People heaped praise on the actress for getting the walk just right, and they noted that our designer, Nick Ormerod, had got exactly the cut of Mrs T's clothes," says Donnellan.

"Then when we played in Bucharest, they were amazed. They said: 'How on earth did you research it? Did you watch news-reels? How did you get the walk, the cut of the skirt, the cut of the jacket, just right? She's the image of Elena Ceausescu.'"

Contact with Romanians was for the most part furtive and fleeting, as they were forbidden to talk to foreigners. Their brief meetings were often emotionally charged. After one performance, a woman jumped on to the stage and begged a member of the cast to marry her,

so that she could leave the country. Others brought gifts - a Transylvanian walking stick, books of poetry and even a piece of sculpture. "A man rushed out of the shadows and pressed a beautiful little statue into our hands, saying 'my art for yours'. He was in tears."

Members of the company also took away the memory of an outstanding *Hamlet*, performed at another Bucharest theatre by Romania's premier actor, Ion Caramitru. Caramitru has since been elected to a post in the new government.

As to the other people the company met - Donnellan eschews happy endings, just as he eschews safe theatre. "I know that some of those people must have died."

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Looking into the Next decade

The chain that led the Eighties' high street revolution has equally big plans for the Nineties



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For almost a decade, fashion retailers in this country have felt the subliminal current generated by the Next chain. With its memorable name and robust image it pioneered the high street revolution of the early Eighties that transformed shops into bland, but tasteful, emporia purveying the essentials that reassured shoppers they were free-thinking achievers taking life in their stride.

Having led the way into the consumer boom, it was inevitable that Next would be one of the first to show symptoms of distress when the boom ended. In December 1988 George Davies, Next's chairman and chief executive, was ousted from the company he had founded, and his place taken by David Jones. Jones makes no claim to be an intuitive retailer, but has lost little time in asserting his more orthodox management skills to re-establish Next's position in the high street.

On January 24 Next's fashion ranges, streamlined to just two strong, main collections for men and women, Next and Next Originals, plus children's wear, lingerie and accessories, will be unveiled in London. A punchy advertising campaign will be launched simultaneously to explain the differences between the Next labels, and reassure customers that 1990 is indeed the start of the Next decade.

Jones admits 1989 was difficult. There was the legacy of a couple of flawed collections. "Research revealed we had a superb name and wide recognition, but the customer was confused," he says.

The 1990 range is the first from the new management

'We are selling style, rather than specific clothes'

team, its design dictated by two product directors - Alison Knox, in charge of women's wear, cosmetics and lingerie, and Amanda Froshaug, who looks after men's wear, children's wear and accessories. Both have a clear vision of their customers. "Next customers are 20-plus with high expectations of their lives and consequently of what they buy," Knox says. "Next Originals provide co-ordinated classics. The Next collection is upbeat and contemporary."

Froshaug accepts that "Next Man" entered the contemporary vocabulary to describe, unflatteringly, the self-conscious style of the yuppie, but says: "We have an image that has grown up."

Employing the yardstick of sales results per square foot to measure success, Jones has cut back the number of Next shops to 413. Turnover today in the Next retail group is more than £300 million. Jewellery and other accessories sell briskly on counters within Next stores, but not in "stand-alone" shops, so most of these are now closed.

The advertisements that will put across Next's new image portray happy-looking men and women playing on the beach with their children, or cycling about in Next denim, and who then dress up in smart Next tailoring to travel to work by private helicopter. "We are going for the emotions," Glyn Hayes, Next's advertising consultant, explains. "There is a feeling for chivalry and romance within a family group. We are selling style, rather than specific clothes, and make the distinction between the two lines, the basic Next Originals and the more spirited Next collection."



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A gallery in creation

Jonathan Burstein of Browns, who has introduced Londoners to many international design names in her cluster of upmarket shops in South Molton Street, is turning the ground floor of her Knightsbridge branch into a

showcase for the Italian design star Romeo Gigli. The Gigli shop, to be filled with the romantic Byzantine silk and crushed-velvet tops with fly-away, shawl collars and brocade leggings for which the designer has an enthusiastic following, opens at 6c Sloane Street early next month.

"Gigli has a strong, directional style," Burstein says. "Everybody can pick pieces that suit their particular style."

Both Caroline [her daughter] and I wear his clothes in our different ways."

Gigli, who assured his place at the top of international fashion when he defected from Milan to show triumphantly in Paris last March, will arrive in London with his architect to oversee the conversion of the shop into a suitably austere gallery for his work-of-art clothes, similar in style to his Milan and Paris boutiques.

Gina Fratini is installed with her team in Hartnell's workrooms busily creating the collection of 35 costume ensembles, including a lavish wedding dress, to be shown on February 14. Fratini, who is already a favourite with the Royal Family, says: "When Norman Hartnell was alive he always liked what I did, so he won't be unhappy."

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★ **THE DOUBLE BASS:** Ron Berglas in welcome revival of Patrick Suskind's very funny love-hate affair with his large tub organ. Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High St, Brentford (01-838 1176). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £5-25.

★ **DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS:** Oscar Wilde's comic play on the life of Oscar Wilde's one-man show. Limited edition. Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (01-838 4401). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £5-25.

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★ **LETITIA AND LOUISE:** Carol Shelley and Helen Ryan in Peter Sheridan's long-running comedy in which two unlikely partners wage a comic war against the modern world. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **NOEL AND GERTIE:** Patricia Hodgson and Simon Case in song and dance in Sheridan's a rip down Memory Lane. Comedy Theatre, Panton St, London SW1 (01-830 2578). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **STREETWALKER:** Bobal Theatre's opera based on Hogarth's engravings of the country girl picking her way through the freshpans of London. Bush Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-743 3388). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.



Penelope Keith (above) stars as Denise, the mother with a past, in *Young Charles*, opening at the Young Charles Theatre in Guildford tonight to celebrate the theatre's Silver Jubilee (see listings). A light comedy by Alan Melville, the play ran for 500 performances in 1952, with Young Charles herself in the title role. She died in 1958, having lived near Guildford for many years and given great support to its old Repertory Theatre, replaced in 1965 by the one which bears her name.

★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... ★ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) ... ★ **The End of My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... ★ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0903) ... ★ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... ★ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... ★ **Run For Your Wife:** Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119) ... ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

★ **FARINELLE:** ★ **Madame:** New musical based on the engagingly bright five-year-old heroine of Rodolfo Dalm's recent tale. Redgrave Theatre, Brightwell (0252 727000). Tonight 7pm, Tue, Fri 2.30pm and 7pm, Wed, Thurs 10.30am and 2.30pm, Sat 2pm and 8pm, Children £4.50, adults £7.75 (D).

★ **DEBURY:** ★ **Blood Vices:** David Fugard's controversial drama of two South African sons of a coloured mother, one white, the other black. Radio Theatre, Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.

★ **GUILDFORD:** ★ **Dear Charles:** See picture. Young Charles Theatre, Millbrook (0483 80191). 7.30pm, £4.50-25.

FILMS

★ **Also on national release**
★ **Advance booking possible**
★ **DRUGSTORE COWBOY (18):** Provocative morality play about an unrepentant killer (Mark Dinning) who finally faces up to his lifestyle. Directed by Gus van Sant with a strong feel for the underside of American society (100 min). Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **MYSTERY TRAIN (15):** Mostly delicious episode film from the unique, tautback Jim Jarmusch, focused on the overnight visitors at a Memphis hotel. With Youle Kutch, Screamers! Jay Weintraub (113 min). Lumiere (01-836 0891). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **MYSTIC PIZZA (15):** Duffly crafted saga about three girlfriends testing romance on the brink of adulthood. With Julie Roberts, Annette Bening, Lisa Taylor; a promised first feature from director Donald Pate (104 min). Cannon Haymarket (01-836 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.05, 6.30, 8.55. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **PARENTHOOD (12):** Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children with a large, excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jason Robards) (114 min). Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-595 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.30, 8.10. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **ROSEAL GOES SHOPPING (15):** Broad satire from director Percy Adlon and the ample Marianne Sägebarth (94 min). Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-595 9772). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

★ **TURNER AND HOOD (PG):** Predictable cop-and-dog action given some charm by Tom Hanks as the police investigator (99 min). Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-595 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.10, 7.10, 9.40. (01-437 2657). Tue, 8pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm, mats £4.50-15pm, Sun 2pm, Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-15pm.

A rebel with a cause

The ballet *Laurencia* was created at the Kirov Theatre, Leningrad, in March 1939. It is based on the play *Fuente Ovejuna*, Lope de Vega's bitter drama about Spanish villagers who rise up against a local tyrant who drives beyond endurance. The choreography is by Vakhtang Chabukiani, the supreme heroic dancer of his day, and he played *Fuente*, who leads the rebels. The title part went to the celebrated Kirov ballerina Natalia Dudinskaya. It was she who, wanting to resume this role, picked the 20-year-old Rudolf Nureyev straight out of ballet school to partner her in the 1958 revival which immediately made him a star. The full work has never been seen in Britain, but in 1964 Nureyev staged one of its virtuosic highlights, a pas de six, with a Royal Ballet cast for a *Golden Hour* television programme broadcast from Covent Garden. It was repeated at a gala the following year, but since then has been seen here only in a short lived revival for the Royal Ballet's touring company in 1972. Now it reappears at Covent Garden, with the rehearsals directed by the Royal Ballet's new Russian teacher and répétiteur, Alexander Agadzhanyan. Tonight's premiere is danced by Doreen Bussell, Philip Broomhead, Maria Almeida, Virvass Derasta, Bruce Sander and Bruce Bickford. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, £1-44.



Premiere: Doreen Bussell and Philip Broomhead at Covent Garden

CONCERTS
LUNCHTIME

★ **TWO QUARTETS:** The Endellion Quartet plays Haydn's Quartet Op 64 No 4 and Beethoven's Quartet Op 132, 1.15pm, £2.50-10.00.

★ **BOYES BUYS:** Copland's early The Cat and the Mouse is performed by Katherine Boyes, as are other pieces by Mozart, Mompou and Martinu. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 8064), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

★ **CARIBBEA CONCERT:** The Caribbea Quartet performs Schubert's Quartet D 703 and Wagner's *Die Meistersinger* No 3 Overture and Beethoven's Quartet No 2. Philharmonia Hall, Hope St, Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30pm, £5.

★ **CELESTIAL CHOICE:** Alexander Salter interprets solo sonatas by Beethoven Op 10 and Griegs Op 38, Britten's Suite No 1 and Schumann's Adagio and Allegro Op 70. The pianist is Roman O'Hara. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 8064), 7.30pm, £4.50-25.

★ **EXPANSIVE EXPERIENCE:** The Scottish National Orchestra is conducted by Bryden Thomson in Nielsen's *Sinfonia Espansiva*, Beethoven's *Lacina* No 3 Overture and Piano Concerto No 5 'The Emperor' (John Lill, soloist). Music Hall, London St, Aberdeen (0224 841122), 7.30pm, £4-22.

★ **GENIEVA VALLEY:** Valery Gergiev conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Shostakovich's Symphony No 4 and, with Emanuel Ax as soloist, Mozart's Piano Concerto K 466.

CONCERTS
JAZZ

★ **ERASURE:** Second leg of the duo's long overdue UK tour, at the end of which they will have performed before more than 250,000 people. Whiteley Bay Inn, Harrogate Rd (081 252 6240), 7.30pm, £5, for two nights.

★ **SQUEEZE:** With their jaunty tunes and quirky, sentimental lyrics about the mundanities of everyday life, the South Londoners have become a charmingly quaint if disappointed English pop institution. Watermill Inn, Okehampton, Devon (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £10.

OPERA

★ **SHOW BOAT:** Ian Judge's exciting new production of *Show Boat* is being staged at the RSC, still in Leeds with Graham Jenkins conducting a cast led by Sally Burgess and Peter Sars. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 458361), 7.15-10.15, £5-21.

★ **EUGENE ONIGINE:** Surrey Opera mounts a new production of Tolstoy's work in English, directed by Paul Maloney and conducted by Jonathan Bunch. Marlow Theatre, Redhill, Surrey (0737 765647), 7.45-10.30pm, £5.

ROCK

★ **ERIC CLAPTON:** One of our more venerable rock guitarists. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, £15-50.

★ **PAUL McCARTNEY:** A dazzling show which celebrates the Beatles' heritage as much as it showcases new material. Hammersmith Apollo, London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £15-50, and for seven more nights.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- (1) Hangin' Tough - New Kids on the Block, CBS
- (2) Touch Me - Kylie Minogue, PWL
- (3) Touch Me - Kylie Minogue, PWL
- (4) Got to Have Your Love - Monty, Capitol
- (5) You Make Me Feel - Jimmy Somerville, London
- (6) Get a Life - Soul II Soul, 10 Records
- (7) Put Your Hands Together - Soul II Soul, 10 Records
- (8) Got to Get - Jason Donovan, PWL
- (9) When You Come Back to Me - Jason Donovan, PWL
- (10) Going Back to My Roots - FPI Project, Ramour

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (1) ... But Seriously - Phil Collins, Virgin
- (2) Hangin' Tough - New Kids on the Block, CBS
- (3) Foreign Affair - The Turner, Capitol
- (4) Enjoy Yourself - Kylie Minogue, PWL
- (5) Affection - Lisa Stansfield, Arista
- (6) The Road to Hell - Chris Rea, WEA
- (7) Live Through This - Pearl Jam, Epic
- (8) Holding Back the River - Wet Wet Wet, Precious Organisation
- (9) The Best of Rod Stewart - Rod Stewart, Warner Brothers
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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2077

ACROSS

- 1 Big best-seller (11)
- 2 Own persona (7)
- 3 Whereas (5)
- 4 Merriment (3)
- 5 Slick hair (4)
- 6 Heart (4)
- 7 Weather pressure line (6)
- 8 Trial (4)
- 9 Second grade (4)
- 10 Tunny-like fish (6)
- 11 Young hawk (4)
- 12 Muscable (4)
- 13 East Turkey-like (3)
- 14 Extreme (5)
- 15 Use up (7)
- 16 Party invader (11)

DOWN

- 1 Wind-blown particles (5)
- 2 Mixed sex school (2-2)
- 3 Clout (4)
- 4 Cut with saw (4)
- 5 Personification (7)
- 6 Petite desirable woman (6,5)
- 7 Challenge to authority (4,7)
- 8 Mass of astronomy (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 2076

ACROSS: 1 Oroscope, 5 Vamp, 9 Taken up, 10 Camel, 11 Canary Islands, 13 Rival, 15 Famine, 17 Joyce Kilmer, 21 Told, 22 Anaisa, 23 Elks, 24 Halibut.

DOWN: 1 Opic, 2 Oaken, 3 Control, 4 Popping, 6 Almond, 7 Pelisse, 8 Acol, 12 Any, 13 Rejoice, 14 Dry dock, 15 Famine, 16 Moll, 18 Eros, 19 Eagle, 20 Limit.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 30

TOMENTOSE (b) The botanical word for pubescent or covered with down, from the Latin *tomentum*, meaning stuffing for cushions: "Nate, whose tomentose hair takes off, leaves the Area out."

TO PREPON (a) That which is fitting or seems, the Latin *preponere* from the Greek *pro* + *ponere* suitable: "To do to prepone with one's character."

TOPINCH (b) A sparkling word, said to be the name of a small amount of "the place" in *Merry Wives IV, iv, 57*.

LOW TOBY (a) Toby is thieves' cant for the road, Low Toby being the road, and by extension the horse, and in consequence they had to tolerate being lugged before a smaller, lower-class and less friendly than their own evil colleagues.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

In this position, Tarrasch (White), Misses (Black), played in 1916. White to play wins. The solution will be given in tomorrow's Times.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 N4 with the deadly threat of Ng6+.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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Compiled by Peter Dear
and Gillian MaxeyRiding the
marriage-
go-roundTELEVISION CHOICE
Peter Waymark

Those familiar with the work of Andrea Newman (*A Bouquet of Barbed Wire*, Mackenzie) will know that her dramas tend to revolve around broken marriages and extra-marital affairs. Her latest, *A Sense of Guilt* (BBC1, 9.30pm), maintains the tradition, so much so that I spent most of the first episode working out who was married to whom, who had been married to whom and who were the parents of which children. A family tree might usefully have been provided. Not having the space to print one here I will tell you that Trevor Eve plays Felix, a novelist with that familiar disquieting writer's block. One day he will have a television play in which a writer actually manages to write something. Thwarted at the word processor, he embarks on a liaison with Sally (Rudi Davies), the



Dangerous Liaison: Felix (Trevor Eve) and Sally (Rudi Davies) (BBC1, 9.30pm)

schoolgirl daughter of his wife's best friend. Felix is clearly shaping up as the man you love to hate, the bouncer who will charm his way through anything. This is in contrast with Richard (Jim Carter), step-father of Felix's mistress. With a clinging ex-wife and an impossible job as a probation officer, Richard is the archetypal nice guy who finishes last. Richard is apparently not in the market for extra-marital pleasures and nor, so far, are the two wives (played by Maura Tierney and Lisa Harrow). But there are six episodes to go and with Andrew Newman you can never be sure. **Hello, Do You Hear Us?** (ITV, 10.35pm) is the first in a five-part documentary series about the Soviet Union, made by the Latvian director Yuris Podnieks. Though it covers such familiar events as the Chernobyl disaster, as well as the lesser-known strike of factory workers against unpaid Saturday working, the approach is as much poetic as journalistic. While Podnieks calls on the familiar documentary ingredients of interviews, news film and archive footage (and even throws in a clip from *Battleship Potemkin*) the shaping of the material, the selection of telling images and the use of slow motion makes this much more than straight reportage. **Hello, Do You Hear Us** powerfully evokes the mood of a people who are fast sweeping away 70 years of communism while debating furiously about what should be put in its place. The other four programmes are being shown on Channel 4, starting on Monday.

BBC 1

- 8.00** **Celebrity**
8.30 **BBC Breakfast News** with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Meyer. Includes regular news headlines, business and finance reports, weather, sports bulletins, regional news and a look at the morning papers with Paul Cattan. 8.55 **Regional news and weather**
9.00 **News and weather** followed by **Open Air**. Jayne Irving invites viewers to comment on last night's television.
9.30 **Kimmy**. Robert Kilroy-Glik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 **News and weather** followed by **Going for Gold** (r)
10.25 **Children's BBC**. Introduced by Simon Pavin, begins with **Playdays**, presented by David Benson. **Philips** (r) 10.50 **Puddington Puss** (r) 10.55 **Five to Eleven**. Douglas Hodge with a reading
11.00 **News and weather** followed by **Open Air**. Gloria Hunniford and Jayne Irving present the programme, which gives viewers a chance to give their thoughts on television programmes. Roy Sheppard is out on the road and **Querry Corner** answers viewers' questions about television.
12.00 **News and weather** followed by **Daytime Live**. Andy Craig and Judi Spiers present **Pebble M&P** magazine programme 12.55 **Regional News**
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 **Neighbours**. Henry's attempts to let Brown know how he feels about her and in disaster (Coastal) 1.50 **Going for Gold**. European quiz game show hosted by Kelly Kelly
2.15 **Film: Cowboy** (1983) starring James Brown and Ted Danson. A modern-day Western. Ward McNally is a disillusioned teacher who leaves the big city to return to the desolate rural community of his childhood. With the help of Dale Weathers, an ex-con, they fix up McNally's run-down property. But their new life is soon under threat from rustlers and the hostile attitude of the locals. Directed by Jerry Jameson
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Air France faces EC inquiry into UTA deal

By Our City Staff

The European Commission is launching an investigation into Air France's planned purchase of a majority stake in Union des Transports Aeriens (UTA), France's largest private airline.

Air France hopes to buy the 54.6 per cent stake from Chargeurs for \$1.8 billion (£975 million) but yesterday Sir Leon Brittan, the EC Competition Commissioner, said: "The takeover of UTA by Air France, which brings with it control of (domestic carrier) Air Inter, raises fundamental questions under the commission's competition policy."

"In particular there will be

considerable concern about the protection of the consumer as air traveller in the single European market."

The EC is also examining the agreement under which British Airways and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines each bought a 20 per cent stake in Sabena World Airlines, the Belgian airline's operating subsidiary.

The proposed takeover of UTA would give Air France virtual control over French international services and most domestic routes.

Sir Leon, who is committed to liberalizing the community's highly-regulated air transport market, is at odds

with a colleague, Mr Karel van Miert, over whether the deal is an a priori breach of anti-monopoly rules.

Mr van Miert, in an interview published with *Les Echos*, the French business daily, argued that the acquisition would not undermine competition, as Air France, UTA and Air Inter cover different territory apart from a few exceptions such as the French overseas territories, the Paris-San Francisco route and Paris to Papeete, Tahiti.

A Commission source said Sir Leon is expecting information from Air France and the French authorities in the next

few days that will enable him to decide whether to object to the deal.

But any further action must be endorsed by the 17-member Commission, which can order the deal annulled if it sees a violation of competition law. If submitted to a vote, such decisions must be approved by nine or more members of the panel. The outcome is by no means clear-cut, the official said.

Among factors weighing in the takeover's favour, he said, were awareness that action against it could also torpedo the proposed joint venture between Sabena, British Airways and KLM.

Takeover focus turns from US

Takeover activity by British companies in the United States has slumped as they prepare for 1992 and the single European market.

According to Mr Philip Healey, editor of *Acquisitions Monthly*, the value of US takeovers by British companies slumped from \$31.72 billion (£19 billion) to \$16.82 billion (£10.1 billion) last year, and UK firms off-loaded some \$5.3 billion of US interests.

Last year, for the first time, British companies made more takeovers in Europe than in the US, their traditional hunting ground, in terms of numbers, although in value terms the US is still first choice.

UK companies last year made 359 acquisitions on the Continent, worth £2.63 billion, compared with 252 takeovers worth £2.79 billion in 1988.

Medirace rights backed

Shareholders in Medirace, the Third Market pharmaceutical company, yesterday approved an £87 million rights issue. Proceeds will fund purchase of Evans Healthcare, the generic drug company bought from Glaxo three years ago in a £27 million management buyout.

Medirace shares will return from suspension to move up to a full listing.

Shareholders also approved a change in name to Medeva.

Petrocon stake

Mr Peter Hodgson, former chairman of Petrocon has increased his stake in the valve distributor and cartographic group, Richards Group, the Birmingham specialist engineering firm chaired by Mr Hodgson, yesterday revealed a 3.4 per cent stake in Petrocon. Mr Hodgson already has 10.3 per cent of Petrocon. Richards's managing director, Mr James Fergus, owns a further 20,000 shares. Mr Hodgson stood down as Petrocon chairman last year when Hillsdown Investment Trust led a restructuring of it.

Devenish deal

J A Devenish, the brewer and public house operator, has acquired the Steaks steakhouse chain in South Wales from Mecca Leisure Group for well in excess of £1 million.

Evode rises to £11.6m



Andrew Simon flanked by Tony Wain, finance director, left, and David Winterbottom, chief executive. Overseas sales making up for poorer performance at home

By Jeremy Andrews

Evode will make annual savings of £5 million at Chamberlain Phipps, rather than the £3.5 million forecast when it made an £89 million agreed bid in May.

However, a slowdown in demand in Britain left profits for the year to September only 28 per cent ahead at £11.6 million on sales 61 per cent up at £197 million.

Profits were slightly lower than some analysts had expected and the shares fell 4p to 141p. Fully diluted earnings per share fell by 2 pence to 13.1p, but Mr Andrew Simon, the chairman, said that had Evode not acquired Chamberlain Phipps, earnings would

have risen by 4 pence despite the slackening in UK industrial activity. The final dividend rises by 15 pence to 4.42p, making 6.04p.

Management consultants found Chamberlain's divisional management structure was unnecessary, and staffing has been cut. Of 41 senior managers with service contracts, only 21 remain and only one member of Chamberlain Phipps' board is staying on.

The consultants' £1.3 million fees will be charged directly to the balance sheet. Chamberlain Phipps companies added £3.23 million to pre-interest profits, although only £1.98 million fell in the new Chamberlain Phipps division. The balance was split

between the other divisions, including adhesives and sealants, where profits rose from £2.93 million to £3.48 million, and plastics, where profits jumped from £2.13 million to £5.03 million.

The contribution from industrial coatings fell from £5.32 million to £4.41 million because of the disposal of part of Supra's activities to Evans Halsbury in December 1988.

Mr Simon said: "Trading performance during the first quarter was mixed with some UK subsidiaries suffering from the slowdown in the economy. However, half of the group's projected sales are generated overseas where trading conditions have generally been better."

Plateau confirms quote date

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

Plateau Mining, a newly-formed exploration company with interests in Ecuador, Zimbabwe and Cyprus and covering gold, platinum and other metals, has confirmed that it plans to make its stock market debut on January 25.

Plateau is likely to have a market capitalization of about £17 million. It essentially consists of assets owned by the Robertson Group whose shareholders are being offered shares in Plateau on terms being finalized. In addition, there will be a share placing with London institutions after

which Plateau will come to the market debt-free. James Capel is the broker to the issue.

Mr Barry Snake-Adams, a former head of RTZ's mining department, will be Plateau's chairman and the other directors also have extensive mining experience.

The company's Zimbabwean joint-venture partners are RTZ Zimbabwe and Anglo American Zimbabwe and the plan is to bring a platinum/nickel deposit in the Chegutu complex, south of Harare, into production by 1994. Extensive work has been

carried out. The project could generate an annual operating profit of US\$55 million (£33 million) at full production.

The overall cost of the Zimbabwean platinum project, in which Plateau will hold a 24 per cent stake, is estimated at US\$171 million.

In Ecuador, Plateau holds a 40 per cent stake in the Campanilla gold project, south of Quito, where full production, yielding 1,700 ounces of gold a month of which Plateau's share would be 680 ounces, is expected by September.

New-look auditor aims for £500m fees

By Graham Seaton, Financial Editor

Britain's biggest accounting group set up shop yesterday when Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte started trading under one name.

The firm, which wants to be known as Coopers Deloitte, employs 11,000 people and hopes to have combined annual income of £500 million this year.

It will be 30 per cent ahead of Peat Marwick, followed by Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse, while Arthur Andersen and Touche Ross are only about a third of the size.

The British Deloitte partnership - which opted out of the worldwide merger of Deloitte Haskins & Sells and Touche Ross - will not formally merge with Coopers & Lybrand until April 29, the end of Deloitte's financial year.

Mr Brandon Gough of Coopers, who becomes chairman and joint senior partner of the new firm, said that most worldwide markets were seeing the emergence of between two and four top firms instead of the big eight. The Coopers & Lybrand international partnership aimed to be in the top league in most European countries by stressing the growth of the broad financial advice market.

Mr John Bullock of Deloitte, who becomes chairman of Coopers & Lybrand Europe as well as joint senior partner of the British firm, said C&L was aiming for a leadership role on the Continent, which was one of the most exciting areas for growth.

He said: "Our competitors had better watch out."

Deloitte firms in Holland, Belgium, Austria and the Channel Islands have already decided to join the worldwide Coopers & Lybrand group. Those in Italy, Germany and Spain have not yet decided to join the combined Deloitte Ross Tomahits.

Air Call offer

The offer for Air Call (Holdings), the information management-to-health paging company, by Healthcare Group, a management buyout team, has gone unconditional after acceptances were received for 3.47 million shares, representing 93.18 per cent of the total. The offer was worth £41.5 million. In April last year, Air Call (Holdings) sold Air Call Communications, its radio-paging, mobile phone and telemarketing subsidiary, to BellSouth, the American telephone services group.

COMMENT David Brewster

Steel yourself and vote for Ferranti rights issue

As if shareholders in Ferranti International did not have enough to worry about, they are now faced with the dilemma of whether to throw good money after bad and subscribe for the £187 million rights issue. The rights issue was put in place as the full horror of the fraud at International Signal Corporation began to emerge. As a result of the loss of capital which Ferranti suffered, it fell into breach of virtually every banking agreement it had. The banks agreed not to pull the rug from under the feet of the company, but wanted to see what plans Ferranti had to save itself. The board, under Sir Derek Aun-Jones, had only two realistic ideas. The first was to get Ferranti taken over. The second was to put in place a fund-raising exercise which would come into play if the bidders failed to bite.

We all now know what happened to the bidders. British Aerospace pulled out only hours after the rights issue was underwritten and the others have disappeared as mysteriously as dollar bills in the International Signal accounts. Only the French group Thomson-CSF appears to be still interested, but not interested enough to get a bid unconditional by February 6. So the rights issue, meant to be a last resort, is now a reality and shareholders are being asked to open their cheque books.

Were Sir Derek a godfather rather than a happy-go-lucky businessman, the rights issue would be described as an offer no shareholder could refuse. The new preferred shares get twice the votes and twice the dividends of the ordinary shares, plus a greater participation in the event of a winding up. Post the rights issue, the ordinary shares will carry only

one-third of the votes, with two-thirds being in the hands of the preferred shareholders. All this for a mere 25p a share. The ordinary shares currently trade at about 33p.

Too good to be true? You bet it is. All of the money, with the exception of the £6 million or so going to the underwriters, is going to the banks. It will flash through Ferranti's accounts at the speed of a Blue Streak rocket, rather than support the company's fixed or working capital needs. The board, by the way, is unable to state that the company has enough working capital to see the year out.

Shareholders are being asked to increase their risk and exposure, while allowing the banks to reduce theirs. If Ferranti should fail, that means more for the banks and a yet bigger loss for shareholders. Those shareholders who refuse to pay over another 25p a share on top of the losses they have already suffered at the hands of the company will see their interest diluted to one-third its existing level. In the event of a bid, the bidder will make a bee-line for the high-voting preferred shares, rather than the diluted ordinary shares.

Shareholders can, of course, sell their rights in nil-paid form between February 5 and 26 and they may realize 12p to 13p a share. Then if Ferranti manages to get some money back from former deputy chairman, James Guerin, and his crew, they will get just one-third of what they would have otherwise received. My advice to shareholders is to approve the rights issue, because to do otherwise would be to risk the banks pulling out. They should then risk another 25p a share so long as they can afford to lose it. And they should use their double votes to vote the board out

Brands: a slow burning issue

The debate over accounting for intangibles such as brands and goodwill threatens to escalate into one of those issues - like inflation accounting - that sets professionals at each other's throats and baffles the rest of the world.

For private shareholders, the present lack of clarity is profound. They hope, perhaps vainly, that their company's balance sheet should give them a reasonable snapshot of its worth and how this has changed since the previous year. Yet some companies are able to acquire brands and attribute great additional value to them while others indulge in an orgy of write-offs against newly owned assets which have cost a great deal. Both approaches are unlikely to be correct.

In wrestling with the general problem of intangibles, the Accounting Standards Committee is at last dealing with long overdue business. But there seems little likelihood that the theoreticians, who are well represented on the Committee, and the practitioners and industrialists out in the real world, are set for early agreement.

The purists are right to stress that there may be a great deal of subjectivity in an attempt to value something for which there is no easily determined market valuation. The obvious but unspoken

consequence is that if permitted without consistent guidelines freedom to value brands may become a licence to prop up stretched balance sheets which threaten to become a barrier to corporate ambition.

It is fatuous to suggest that the right to place a Coca Cola logo on a tin of fizzy water is not worth anything. But faced with the complexity of determining precisely how much, the ASC is proposing just that. Businesses which own portfolios of such brands and spend heavily on maintaining them are preparing to oppose any such moves strenuously.

Unfortunately, the ASC proposals for goodwill accounting are themselves under fire from industry. At present, companies have a choice of writing off goodwill to reserves or amortizing it over a period. The ASC wishes to remove the write-off option, which some might describe as ultra-conservative practice. Instead, companies must amortize goodwill over a maximum of 20 years, unless they can demonstrate that a longer period is suitable. A suitable test case might be Gordons Gin, distilled since the 17th century and still a market leader.

The danger is that compulsory amortization may damage published earnings per share and prevent otherwise commercially sound purchases.

WORLD MARKETS

Bargain hunters cut early Dow losses

New York (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 9.60 at 2,679.61 just before midday after falling to 2,671.00, where it had gained momentum. The general market remained broadly lower, but bargain-hunting continued to help blue chips recoup some losses.

Declining issues outnumbered rises by almost 1,000 to 300. Although the market had stemmed the headlong fall which began last Friday, analysts said that it could be vulnerable to any further weakness in Tokyo.

A drop there on Friday helped to start selling here. The US bond market was closed yesterday for the birthday of Martin Luther King.

● Frankfurt - The DAX index closed at 1,841.61, off 14.05.

● Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index slumped 31.9 to 1,681.7.

WALL STREET

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WORLD MARKET INDICES

| Index | Value | Daily change | Yearly change | Daily change | Yearly change |
|-------------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| The World | 798.8 | -0.4 | 21.0 | -0.2 | 18.9 |
| (free) | 151.7 | -0.4 | 20.9 | -0.2 | 18.8 |
| EAFF | 1473.6 | -0.4 | 15.8 | -0.4 | 17.2 |
| (free) | 151.5 | -0.4 | 15.5 | -0.5 | 17.0 |
| Europe | 748.0 | -1.1 | 37.6 | -0.9 | 27.3 |
| (free) | 159.9 | -1.1 | 38.1 | -1.1 | 27.1 |
| Nth America | 500.8 | -0.5 | 31.6 | -0.6 | 21.4 |
| Norfolk | 1569.8 | -0.9 | 44.8 | -0.6 | 31.1 |
| (free) | 238.2 | -1.0 | 58.0 | -0.7 | 42.4 |
| Pacific | 3677.3 | 0.0 | 6.0 | -0.1 | 12.4 |
| Far East | 5350.9 | 0.1 | 5.5 | -0.1 | 12.3 |
| Australia | 345.7 | -1.8 | 17.8 | -1.8 | 18.8 |
| Austria | 1678.8 | -3.8 | 154.7 | -2.8 | 123.3 |
| Belgium | 970.6 | -1.4 | 25.7 | -0.9 | 9.6 |
| Canada | 568.8 | 0.4 | 29.1 | 0.5 | 15.5 |
| Denmark | 1309.1 | -0.7 | 58.0 | 0.0 | 39.4 |
| Finland | 113.8 | 0.8 | -2.1 | 1.0 | -13.7 |
| (free) | 150.2 | 0.2 | 26.1 | 0.5 | 11.2 |
| France | 770.2 | -1.0 | 43.3 | -0.8 | 25.2 |
| Germany | 325.8 | -1.2 | 62.7 | -0.7 | 42.6 |
| Hong Kong | 2098.0 | -1.8 | 9.5 | -1.8 | 0.8 |
| Italy | 382.3 | -0.9 | 30.4 | -0.5 | 15.6 |
| Japan | 5895.5 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 12.2 |
| Netherlands | 878.1 | -1.1 | 36.8 | -0.7 | 19.7 |
| New Zealand | 101.3 | -1.5 | 14.8 | -1.5 | 12.4 |
| Norway | 1400.7 | 0.0 | 88.1 | 0.3 | 53.7 |
| (free) | 242.3 | -0.1 | 67.3 | 0.2 | 53.0 |
| Singapore | 1978.3 | -0.2 | 55.9 | -2.3 | 39.5 |
| Spain | 223.9 | -0.2 | 12.8 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| Sweden | 1771.9 | -1.5 | 47.2 | -1.3 | 35.8 |
| (free) | 248.8 | -1.8 | 58.8 | -1.7 | 44.7 |
| Switzerland | 908.3 | -1.7 | 58.7 | -1.2 | 28.1 |
| (free) | 139.5 | -1.6 | 40.7 | -1.1 | 29.9 |
| UK | 701.8 | -1.2 | 28.5 | -1.2 | 29.5 |
| USA | 448.5 | -0.8 | 32.0 | -0.7 | 21.6 |

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Matched bargain for Tessa

Tessa Buckmaster, personal assistant-cum-investor relations adviser to Michael Green, the chief executive of television services and film duplication house Carlton Communications, clearly knows a good investment when she sees one - for she has just become engaged to her boss. Green ranks as one of the most eligible men in Britain. For, at the age of 42 he is the youngest chief executive of any of Britain's 146 alpha stocks, and his personal worth stands at more than £51 million. The *Guardian's* Young Businessman of the Year last year, Green, who left Haberdashers' School at the age of 17 without even an A-level, has been married before. His first wife, Janet Wolfson, is the daughter of Lord Wolfson and the cousin of Lord Young. Both Buckmaster and Green were being uncharacteristically coy about yesterday's happy announcement. But City sources tell me that Buckmaster has become a familiar figure within the Square Mile, accompanying Green wherever he goes. "She is very bubbly and great fun," says one City man, "and quite striking to look at." An Oxford graduate, she joined Carlton about three years ago as a "runner" and worked her way up from there. "He's a very nice man but married to his job, so they should get on quite well," says another. Our warmest congratulations to them both.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Turning out for Ernst

If the corporate finance department north of the border at Ernst & Young is a little more on the ball in future, it could be because of the impending arrival of Alan Montgomery as the director of corporate finance for Scotland - a newly created post. For he was the chief executive of Glasgow Rangers football club until December last year - and that celebrated last year - over the club's future direction, with its manager and coach, the former Liverpool star Graeme Souness. "My brief will be to look after mergers and acquisitions, not just in the UK but across Europe," says Montgomery, who will be based in Glasgow "but with frequent trips across to Edinburgh," was previously the finance director at Scottish Television for six years. Whatever triumphs lay ahead at his new job, Montgomery will probably still go down in history as the man who first signed a Catholic - Mo Johnston - at the previously staunchly-Protestant club.

Callum y el gran golpe

Spanish brokers, it seems, are importing a little British know-how in readiness for their own *gran golpe* (Big Bang) for those readers who take their holidays in the Cotswolds next year. For tomorrow, Callum Campbell, a former Phillips & Drew corporate financier, flies to Madrid as the new head of a Spanish equity dealer at Banesto Lombard y Leacoe. As well as selling Spanish stocks to British institutions, Campbell, aged 24, will be in a team that plans to bring some financial sophistication to the Madrid stock market - by opening a futures and options market. It is illegal to sell short in Spain, effectively barring options trading, but Banesto - a merger between a bank and a broker, is working with the government to change the law. Once investors can hedge properly, it believes, the Madrid exchange will become far more attractive internationally. Campbell reckons that a Philippino upbringing and a Spanish 'A' level will help him cope with the language barrier, but is rather daunted at working in Banesto's 48-storey marble tower block, a building which he says, makes Broadgate look like a council estate. Peter Tyrre, boss of hotel group Bahama, which is currently trying to get into the driving seat at Norfolk Capital Group, has taken to heart the teasing he has had in the Press about his expensive gold-plated Rolex watch. He now refuses to wear it - and sports a 20-year-old Omega instead.

Little bangs

Brokers at Manchester's Charlton Seal Schaverien, are



laying down a challenge to their clients - by inviting them to form the opposing team in a war game. Played out of doors, with all participants wearing camouflage clothing and faces covered with blacking, the idea is that you try to "kill" all members of the enemy team by firing pellets full of brightly-colored paint. "It's a good way for us to be able to get back at them and vice versa," says Barry Frieslander, a half-commission man. "You end up looking absolutely horrendous - covered in mud and paint from the pellets. But it does create a feeling of camaraderie at the end of the day." Frieslander hopes that as many as 40 or 50 clients - both private and institutional - will express an interest in chasing around the Cheshire countryside in such a fashion.

Carol Leonard

Portfolio

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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or Loss |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Whorley | Industrial S-Z | |
| 2 | Lowell (V) | Building Roads | |
| 3 | Auto Sec | Electronics | |
| 4 | Microfilm Repts | Electronics | |
| 5 | Micro Focus | Electronics | |
| 6 | Hummerston | Property, Print, Adv | |
| 7 | Allied Lon | Property | |
| 8 | Johnson | Industrial S-K | |
| 9 | Brewitt (D) | Industrial S-K | |
| 10 | Cherwell Cons | Industrial A-D | |
| 11 | Knappard | Industrial L-R | |
| 12 | Tipstock | Shipping | |
| 13 | T & S Stores | Drapery, Stores | |
| 14 | Sealey | Building Roads | |
| 15 | Amec | Building Roads | |
| 16 | Middlemore | Leisure | |
| 17 | Deauster | Industrial A-D | |
| 18 | Silco (m) | Industrial S-Z | |
| 19 | T & N (m) | Industrial S-Z | |
| 20 | James Scammell | Building Roads | |
| 21 | BOC (m) | Industrial S-K | |
| 22 | Garnwood Sec | Industrial S-K | |
| 23 | Carbon Crane | Leisure | |
| 24 | Ludlow (m) | Hotel, Caterers | |
| 25 | AAF Inv | Industrial A-D | |
| 26 | Evans Off Leas | Property | |
| 27 | Mowlem (John) | Building Roads | |
| 28 | Allied-Lyons (m) | Beverages | |
| 29 | Bowater | Industrial A-D | |
| 30 | Life Sciences | Electronics | |
| 31 | Neill (D) | Industrial L-R | |
| 32 | Optical & Med | Industrial L-R | |
| 33 | STC (m) | Electronics | |
| 34 | Cotton | Building Roads | |
| 35 | Wharfedale | Industrial S-Z | |
| 36 | Fairly Group | Industrial S-K | |
| 37 | Barclay | Building Roads | |
| 38 | Entertainment (m) | Leisure, Pub | |
| 39 | Builder Co | Newspapers, Pub | |
| 40 | MEPC (m) | Property | |
| 41 | Land Sec (m) | Property | |
| 42 | Cotton St | Industrial A-D | |
| 43 | Boltona Supply | Electronics | |

Please take into account any minus signs

| Weekly Dividend | | | | | | |
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| Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £12,000 in Sunday's newspaper. | | | | | | |
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| BRITISH FUNDS | | | |
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| Fund | High | Low | Price |
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| SHORTS (Under Five Years) | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| OVER FIFTEEN YEARS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| UNRATED | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| INDEX-LINKED | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| BANKS, DISCOUNT HP | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| ELECTRICALS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| HOTELS, CATERERS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| INDUSTRIALS A-D | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| S-Z | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| MOTORS, AIRCRAFT | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| OILS, GAS | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| SHOES, LEATHER | | | |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| Company | High | Low | Price |
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| SHIPPING | | | |
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| PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING | | | |
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Further falls

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end January 26. Settlement day January 29. Settlement day February 5.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (m) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 22.)

| High | Low | Company | Price | Change | % | P/E |
|--------|-------|-------------------|--------|--------|------|------|
| 100.00 | 99.00 | Whorley | 100.00 | +0.50 | +0.5 | 15.0 |
| 99.50 | 98.50 | Lowell (V) | 99.50 | +0.20 | +0.2 | 12.0 |
| 98.00 | 97.00 | Auto Sec | 98.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 10.0 |
| 97.50 | 96.50 | Microfilm Repts | 97.50 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 11.0 |
| 96.00 | 95.00 | Micro Focus | 96.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 13.0 |
| 95.00 | 94.00 | Hummerston | 95.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 14.0 |
| 94.00 | 93.00 | Allied Lon | 94.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 16.0 |
| 93.00 | 92.00 | Johnson | 93.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 17.0 |
| 92.00 | 91.00 | Brewitt (D) | 92.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 18.0 |
| 91.00 | 90.00 | Cherwell Cons | 91.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 19.0 |
| 90.00 | 89.00 | Knappard | 90.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 20.0 |
| 89.00 | 88.00 | Tipstock | 89.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 21.0 |
| 88.00 | 87.00 | T & S Stores | 88.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 22.0 |
| 87.00 | 86.00 | Sealey | 87.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 23.0 |
| 86.00 | 85.00 | Amec | 86.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 24.0 |
| 85.00 | 84.00 | Middlemore | 85.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 25.0 |
| 84.00 | 83.00 | Deauster | 84.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 26.0 |
| 83.00 | 82.00 | Silco (m) | 83.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 27.0 |
| 82.00 | 81.00 | T & N (m) | 82.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 28.0 |
| 81.00 | 80.00 | James Scammell | 81.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 29.0 |
| 80.00 | 79.00 | BOC (m) | 80.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 30.0 |
| 79.00 | 78.00 | Garnwood Sec | 79.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 31.0 |
| 78.00 | 77.00 | Carbon Crane | 78.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 32.0 |
| 77.00 | 76.00 | Ludlow (m) | 77.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 33.0 |
| 76.00 | 75.00 | AAF Inv | 76.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 34.0 |
| 75.00 | 74.00 | Evans Off Leas | 75.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 35.0 |
| 74.00 | 73.00 | Mowlem (John) | 74.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 36.0 |
| 73.00 | 72.00 | Allied-Lyons (m) | 73.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 37.0 |
| 72.00 | 71.00 | Bowater | 72.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 38.0 |
| 71.00 | 70.00 | Life Sciences | 71.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 39.0 |
| 70.00 | 69.00 | Neill (D) | 70.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 40.0 |
| 69.00 | 68.00 | Optical & Med | 69.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 41.0 |
| 68.00 | 67.00 | STC (m) | 68.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 42.0 |
| 67.00 | 66.00 | Cotton | 67.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 43.0 |
| 66.00 | 65.00 | Wharfedale | 66.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 44.0 |
| 65.00 | 64.00 | Fairly Group | 65.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 45.0 |
| 64.00 | 63.00 | Barclay | 64.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 46.0 |
| 63.00 | 62.00 | Entertainment (m) | 63.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 47.0 |
| 62.00 | 61.00 | Builder Co | 62.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 48.0 |
| 61.00 | 60.00 | MEPC (m) | 61.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 49.0 |
| 60.00 | 59.00 | Land Sec (m) | 60.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 50.0 |
| 59.00 | 58.00 | Cotton St | 59.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 51.0 |
| 58.00 | 57.00 | Boltona Supply | 58.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 52.0 |

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| 65.00 | 64.00 | Fairly Group | 65.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 45.0 |
| 64.00 | 63.00 | Barclay | 64.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 46.0 |
| 63.00 | 62.00 | Entertainment (m) | 63.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 47.0 |
| 62.00 | 61.00 | Builder Co | 62.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 48.0 |
| 61.00 | 60.00 | MEPC (m) | 61.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 49.0 |
| 60.00 | 59.00 | Land Sec (m) | 60.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 50.0 |
| 59.00 | 58.00 | Cotton St | 59.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 51.0 |
| 58.00 | 57.00 | Boltona Supply | 58.00 | +0.10 | +0.1 | 52.0 |

| BUILDING, ROADS | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|-----|----|----|
| 204 | 196 | Asph | 196 | 20 | 35 |
| 195 | 187 | Anglo | 187 | 20 | 35 |
| 194 | 186 | Anglo | 186 | 20 | 35 |
| 193 | 185 | Anglo | 185 | 20 | 35 |
| 192 | 184 | Anglo | 184 | 20 | 35 |
| 191 | 183 | Anglo | 183 | 20 | 35 |
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| 158 | 150 | Anglo | 150 | 20 | 35 |
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| 145 | 137 | Anglo | 137 | 20 | 35 |
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| 140 | 132 | Anglo | 132 | 20 | 35 |
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| 137 | 129 | Anglo | 129 | 20 | 35 |
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| 132 | 124 | Anglo | 124 | 20 | 35 |
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| 130 | 122 | Anglo | 122 | 20 | 35 |
| 129 | 121 | Anglo | 121 | 20 | 35 |
| 128 | 120 | Anglo | 120 | 20 | 35 |
| 127 | 119 | Anglo | 119 | 20 | 35 |
| 126 | 118 | Anglo | 118 | 20 | 35 |
| 125 | 117 | Anglo | 117 | 20 | 35 |
| 124 | 116 | Anglo | 116 | 20 | 35 |
| 123 | 115 | Anglo | 115 | 20 | 35 |
| 122 | 114 | Anglo | 114 | 20 | 35 |
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| 98 | 90 | Anglo | 90 | 20 | 35 |
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| 96 | 88 | Anglo | 88 | 20 | 35 |
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| 94 | 86 | Anglo | 86 | 20 | 35 |
| 93 | 85 | Anglo | 85 | 20 | 35 |
| 92 | 84 | Anglo | 84 | 20 | 35 |
| 91 | 83 | Anglo | 83 | 20 | 35 |
| 90 | 82 | Anglo | 82 | 20 | 35 |
| 89 | 81 | Anglo | 81 | 20 | 35 |
| 88 | 80 | Anglo | 80 | 20 | 35 |
| 87 | 79 | Anglo | 79 | 20 | 35 |
| 86 | 78 | Anglo | 78 | 20 | 35 |
| 85 | 77 | Anglo | 77 | 20 | 35 |
| 84 | 76 | Anglo | 76 | 20 | 35 |
| 83 | 75 | Anglo | 75 | 20 | 35 |
| 82 | 74 | Anglo | 74 | 20 | 35 |
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| 78 | 70 | Anglo | 70 | 20 | 35 |
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| 76 | 68 | Anglo | 68 | 20 | 35 |
| 75 | 67 | Anglo | 67 | 20 | 35 |
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| 39 | 31 | Anglo | 31 | 20 | 35 |
| 38 | 30 | Anglo | 30 | 20 | 35 |
| 37 | 29 | Anglo | 29 | 20 | 35 |
| 36 | 28 | Anglo | 28 | 20 | 35 |
| 35 | 27 | Anglo | 27 | 20 | 35 |
| 34 | 26 | Anglo | 26 | 20 | 35 |
| 33 | 25 | Anglo | 25 | 20 | 35 |
| 32 | 24 | Anglo | 24 | 20 | 35 |
| 31 | 23 | Anglo | 23 | 20 | 35 |
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| 27 | 19 | Anglo | 19 | 20 | 35 |
| 26 | 18 | Anglo | 18 | 20 | 35 |
| 25 | 17 | Anglo | 17 | 20 | 35 |
| 24 | 16 | Anglo | 16 | 20 | 35 |
| 23 | 15 | Anglo | 15 | 20 | 35 |
| 22 | 14 | Anglo | 14 | 20 | 35 |
| 21 | 13 | Anglo | 13 | 20 | 35 |
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| 16 | 8 | Anglo | 8 | 20 | 35 |
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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THIRD MARKET

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Closes | Vol | | Open | High | Low | Closes | Vol |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| FT-SE 100 | | | | | | Three month ECU | | | | | |
| Mar 90 | 2367.0 | 2387.0 | 2367.0 | 2387.0 | 6354 | Mar 90 | 85.17 | 85.17 | | Previous open interest 1777 | |
| Mar 91 | 2420.0 | 2430.0 | 2420.0 | 2430.0 | 2262 | Jun 90 | 85.12 | 85.12 | | 85.04 85.05 301 | |
| Three Month Sterling | | | | | | US Treasury Bond | | | | | |
| Previous open interest 123446 | | | | | | Mar 90 | 98.17 | 98.17 | | Previous open interest 10605 | |
| Mar 90 | 98.17 | 98.17 | 98.17 | 98.17 | 34784 | Jun 90 | 98.12 | 98.12 | | 98.04 98.05 6 | |
| Three Month Eurodollar | | | | | | Long GR | | | | | |
| Previous open interest 31023 | | | | | | Mar 90 | 98.28 | 98.28 | | Previous open interest 34917 | |
| Mar 90 | 91.58 | 91.58 | 91.58 | 91.58 | 2230 | Jun 90 | 98.09 | 98.09 | | 98.07 98.17 17284 | |
| Three Month Euro DM | | | | | | Japanese Govt Bond | | | | | |
| Previous open interest 12860 | | | | | | Mar 90 | 96.40 | 96.40 | | Previous open interest 127 | |
| Mar 90 | 91.48 | 91.42 | 91.43 | 91.45 | 2482 | Jun 90 | 96.40 | 96.40 | | 96.05 | |
| Mar 91 | 91.48 | 91.42 | 91.43 | 91.45 | 2482 | German Govt Bond | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Mar 90 | 98.55 | 98.52 | | Previous open interest 34352 | |
| | | | | | | Jun 90 | | | | 98.50 98.28 18095 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 98.50 98.50 509 | |

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOK

| | COCA | AMT Futures | COCA | AMT Futures |
|--------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Mar 90 | 638-637 | Dec 598-700 | Mar 90 | 638-637 |
| Mar 91 | 640-655 | Mar 715-716 | Mar 91 | 640-655 |
| Mar 92 | 640-655 | Mar 728-730 | Mar 92 | 640-655 |
| Mar 93 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 93 | 640-655 |
| Mar 94 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 94 | 640-655 |
| Mar 95 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 95 | 640-655 |
| Mar 96 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 96 | 640-655 |
| Mar 97 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 97 | 640-655 |
| Mar 98 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 98 | 640-655 |
| Mar 99 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 99 | 640-655 |
| Mar 00 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 00 | 640-655 |
| Mar 01 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 01 | 640-655 |
| Mar 02 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 02 | 640-655 |
| Mar 03 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 03 | 640-655 |
| Mar 04 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 04 | 640-655 |
| Mar 05 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 05 | 640-655 |
| Mar 06 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 06 | 640-655 |
| Mar 07 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 07 | 640-655 |
| Mar 08 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 08 | 640-655 |
| Mar 09 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 09 | 640-655 |
| Mar 10 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 10 | 640-655 |
| Mar 11 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 11 | 640-655 |
| Mar 12 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 12 | 640-655 |
| Mar 13 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 13 | 640-655 |
| Mar 14 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 14 | 640-655 |
| Mar 15 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 15 | 640-655 |
| Mar 16 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 16 | 640-655 |
| Mar 17 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 17 | 640-655 |
| Mar 18 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 18 | 640-655 |
| Mar 19 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 19 | 640-655 |
| Mar 20 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 20 | 640-655 |
| Mar 21 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 21 | 640-655 |
| Mar 22 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 22 | 640-655 |
| Mar 23 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 23 | 640-655 |
| Mar 24 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 24 | 640-655 |
| Mar 25 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 25 | 640-655 |
| Mar 26 | | | Mar 26 | |

LONDON GRAB FUTURES

| | WHEAT | COCA | AMT Futures | WHEAT | COCA | AMT Futures |
|--------|-------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Mar 90 | 12.95 | 638-637 | Dec 598-700 | Mar 90 | 12.95 | 638-637 |
| Mar 91 | 13.10 | 640-655 | Mar 715-716 | Mar 91 | 13.10 | 640-655 |
| Mar 92 | 13.25 | 640-655 | Mar 728-730 | Mar 92 | 13.25 | 640-655 |
| Mar 93 | 13.40 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 93 | 13.40 | 640-655 |
| Mar 94 | 13.55 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 94 | 13.55 | 640-655 |
| Mar 95 | 13.70 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 95 | 13.70 | 640-655 |
| Mar 96 | 13.85 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 96 | 13.85 | 640-655 |
| Mar 97 | 14.00 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 97 | 14.00 | 640-655 |
| Mar 98 | 14.15 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 98 | 14.15 | 640-655 |
| Mar 99 | 14.30 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 99 | 14.30 | 640-655 |
| Mar 00 | 14.45 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 00 | 14.45 | 640-655 |
| Mar 01 | 14.60 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 01 | 14.60 | 640-655 |
| Mar 02 | 14.75 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 02 | 14.75 | 640-655 |
| Mar 03 | 14.90 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 03 | 14.90 | 640-655 |
| Mar 04 | 15.05 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 04 | 15.05 | 640-655 |
| Mar 05 | 15.20 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 05 | 15.20 | 640-655 |
| Mar 06 | 15.35 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 06 | 15.35 | 640-655 |
| Mar 07 | 15.50 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 07 | 15.50 | 640-655 |
| Mar 08 | 15.65 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 08 | 15.65 | 640-655 |
| Mar 09 | 15.80 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 09 | 15.80 | 640-655 |
| Mar 10 | 15.95 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 10 | 15.95 | 640-655 |
| Mar 11 | 16.10 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 11 | 16.10 | 640-655 |
| Mar 12 | 16.25 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 12 | 16.25 | 640-655 |
| Mar 13 | 16.40 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 13 | 16.40 | 640-655 |
| Mar 14 | 16.55 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 14 | 16.55 | 640-655 |
| Mar 15 | 16.70 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 15 | 16.70 | 640-655 |
| Mar 16 | 16.85 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 16 | 16.85 | 640-655 |
| Mar 17 | 17.00 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 17 | 17.00 | 640-655 |
| Mar 18 | 17.15 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 18 | 17.15 | 640-655 |
| Mar 19 | 17.30 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 19 | 17.30 | 640-655 |
| Mar 20 | 17.45 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 20 | 17.45 | 640-655 |
| Mar 21 | 17.60 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 21 | 17.60 | 640-655 |
| Mar 22 | 17.75 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 22 | 17.75 | 640-655 |
| Mar 23 | 17.90 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 23 | 17.90 | 640-655 |
| Mar 24 | 18.05 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 24 | 18.05 | 640-655 |
| Mar 25 | 18.20 | 640-655 | Mar 730-730 | Mar 25 | 18.20 | 640-655 |
| Mar 26 | | | Mar 730-730 | Mar 26 | | |

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| | Official prices/volumes previous day | Refold Wolt | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | Cash | 3 month | Vol |
| Copper | | | |
| Spot | 1430.0-1440.0 | 1448.0-1450.0 | 38875 |
| Lead | 1180.0-1200.0 | 1180.0-1200.0 | 73850 |
| Zinc | 1260.0-1280.0 | 1260.0-1280.0 | 8250 |
| Aluminum | 1260.0-1280.0 | 1260.0-1280.0 | 115850 |
| Specials | 6720-6730 | 6720-6730 | 600 |
| Nickel | 1520.0-1530.0 | 1540.0-1550.0 | 29710 |
| 1 Cents per Troy oz. (5 per ton) | 750-7500 | 7500-7500 | 5072 |
| LONDON METAL FUTURES (figs) | | | |
| Mar 90 | 105.5 | 104.5 | |
| Mar 91 | 107.5 | 106.5 | |
| Mar 92 | 109.5 | 108.5 | |
| Mar 93 | 111.5 | 110.5 | |
| Mar 94 | 113.5 | 112.5 | |
| Mar 95 | 115.5 | 114.5 | |
| Mar 96 | 117.5 | 116.5 | |
| Mar 97 | 119.5 | 118.5 | |
| Mar 98 | 121.5 | 120.5 | |
| Mar 99 | 123.5 | 122.5 | |
| Mar 00 | 125.5 | 124.5 | |
| Mar 01 | 127.5 | 126.5 | |
| Mar 02 | 129.5 | 128.5 | |
| Mar 03 | 131.5 | 130.5 | |
| Mar 04 | 133.5 | 132.5 | |
| Mar 05 | 135.5 | 134.5 | |
| Mar 06 | 137.5 | 136.5 | |
| Mar 07 | 139.5 | 138.5 | |
| Mar 08 | 141.5 | 140.5 | |
| Mar 09 | 143.5 | 142.5 | |
| Mar 10 | 145.5 | 144.5 | |
| Mar 11 | 147.5 | 146.5 | |
| Mar 12 | 149.5 | 148.5 | |
| Mar 13 | 151.5 | 150.5 | |
| Mar 14 | 153.5 | 152.5 | |
| Mar 15 | 155.5 | 154.5 | |
| Mar 16 | 157.5 | 156.5 | |
| Mar 17 | 159.5 | 158.5 | |
| Mar 18 | 161.5 | 160.5 | |
| Mar 19 | 163.5 | 162.5 | |
| Mar 20 | 165.5 | 164.5 | |
| Mar 21 | 167.5 | 166.5 | |
| Mar 22 | 169.5 | 168.5 | |
| Mar 23 | 171.5 | 170.5 | |
| Mar 24 | 173.5 | 172.5 | |
| Mar 25 | 175.5 | 174.5 | |
| Mar 26 | | | |

METAL & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

| | Average futures prices at representative markets on January 15 | |
|------------------|--|--------|
| | Fig | Sheet |
| Copper | 75.95 | 132.45 |
| Lead | 118.00 | 118.00 |
| Zinc | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| Aluminum | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| Nickel | 152.00 | 152.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Gold | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Silver | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Platinum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Palladium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Rhodium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iridium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Osmium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Vanadium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Chromium | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Manganese | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
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| Aluminum | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Zinc | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Lead | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Copper | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Nickel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Steel | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Iron | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Aluminum | | |

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'Unite and speak as one'

This week, the Government's Bill to overhaul the courts and lawyers' practices starts its committee stage. It is intended to resolve the long-running dispute between solicitors and barristers. But all the signs are that, whatever the outcome, one side or the other will see itself as defeated and be unwilling to allow the whole question to go away.

The parliamentary debate may appear to focus on forms of words designed to guide those who will be entrusted with the granting or withholding of rights to appear in certain courts. But the reality is that properly qualified solicitors will either gain ready access to the higher courts or they will not. If they do, it is clear that the Bar will fight on, both to restrict the exercise of those rights and to reverse the position. There is already talk on that side of the 'start of a 100 years war'.

Equally, if solicitors do not gain access to all those courts where they have the qualifications and experience to exercise them, they are unlikely to accept the position now any more than they have done in recent years.

For many people, though, the mere fact that this dispute, which has been running on and off for at least 20 years, has been portrayed as a war, with talk of battles and victories, is acutely depressing. What, if anything, can be done to



achieve a reconciliation? The root of this problem lies, I believe, in the existence in this country, not of one legal profession, but two. From the first or second year in university, if not earlier, law students are encouraged to select a career as a barrister or solicitor. From then on their development as lawyers proceeds down wholly separate paths. They are trained and then admitted by one or other of two separate professional bodies, and ever after are responsible for their professional conduct exclusively to that body and the courts.

I suspect that the public in general and our professional colleagues in Europe find this all very strange. The very title 'solicitor' is so old-fashioned and meaningless as to add to the confusion.

Sir Jonathan Clarke advocates a whole new philosophy for the legal profession

The time has surely come to put an end to this partition and to forge a truly unified legal profession, governed by one body, with a common system of training and qualification and in which all members feel not a sense of enmity but a sense of unity.

Before I am written off as one who proposes fusion in the sense in which that word is usually understood — that is, not only a fusion of the two professions but the production of lawyers free to practise in any field of law — let me say that this is far from what I mean. Common professional education does not necessarily involve every student taking the same combination of subjects, any more than that every law graduate has studied the same subjects. A

range of options aimed at the probable field of practice can be devised without much difficulty. The way towards this has recently been eased by the acceptance of a truly 'Common' professional examination for non-law graduates who wish to train for one or other of the existing qualifications. Thereafter, the 'lawyer', having been admitted by a single professional body, would need to prepare himself or herself by further training and relevant experience for the chosen field.

Just as a doctor who has obtained a basic qualification undertakes further training to become an anaesthetist or a paediatrician, so a lawyer may decide to gain a qualification as a conveyancer, or as a company

lawyer, or perhaps as a criminal lawyer and advocate.

Advocacy in the Crown Courts, where criminal cases are heard, has very little in common with advocacy in other courts where civil, chancery and administrative cases are tried. This should be reflected in the training and experience of those who choose a particular field, or fields.

Within such a unified profession there would be room for, and an important role for, the Inns of Court as the bodies responsible for the training of all lawyers who wish to undertake advocacy, and to which all lawyers with an advocacy certificate to appear in a particular court would belong.

These lawyers (barristers, if that is the name they wish to retain) far from having to share rights of audience with others, would then have exclusive rights to appear in all courts. Some would, no doubt, be licensed to appear only in magistrates' courts; some only in the Chancery Division; some in two or more courts. Some would operate as members of a firm of lawyers. Others, no doubt, would prefer to work alone from chambers or elsewhere. Thus, the future and strength of the Bar (albeit as a unit within an overall profession) would be ensured. The landscape of such a Bar would be as



Sir Jonathan Clarke says "End the division between the professions"

great as the independence of that profession itself.

Would solicitors then be members of an Inn? I can hear the horror in the question. But no. In a unified profession such as this there would be no solicitors. Simply lawyers, each of whom has chosen an area or a combination of areas in which to work.

The Lord Chancellor, in publishing his proposals, indicated that he wanted to go back to first principles. Perhaps he should take the initiative and invite both the chairman of the Bar and the president of the Law Society to

consider the creation of a truly unified legal profession in which whatever the outcome of the present Bill — there would be no victors and no losers.

There is, surely, a danger that in becoming so obsessed with and weakened by this internal and public 'war', lawyers here will fail to grasp the full opportunities that are opening up in the new Europe. Are English lawyers to speak in Europe with one voice, or two?

● The author, a past president of the Law Society, is a circuit judge.

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Law Report January 16 1990 Court of Appeal

Parliament invited to reconsider sentencing policy on young offenders

Regina v Scott (Tracy)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment January 15]

The fact that the wording of section 123 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 was such that a court considering imposition of a sentence in a young offender institution was only entitled to take into account the gravity of each individual offence was a matter which ought to have the attention of Parliament as soon as possible.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal on an appeal by Tracy Scott, aged 20, the mother of a baby in arms, who was sentenced on January 2, 1990 at Huddersfield Crown Court by

Judge Pickles to six months detention in a young offender institution in respect of an offence of attempted theft and nine offences of theft, to which she had pleaded guilty on October 3, 1989. She had pleaded not guilty to a count of conspiracy to steal, her plea was accepted and a verdict of not guilty entered.

His Lordship stated that, had the appellant been present — she had elected not to be — the court would then and then have been able to quash the sentence and impose a probation order for two years if she consented.

Section 123, which amended the Criminal Justice Act 1982 by inserting in section 1 a new subsection (3A) and substituting a new subsection for subsection (4), provides:

(3A) ... the only custodial orders that a court may make where a person under 21 years of

age is convicted or found guilty of an offence are — (a) a sentence of detention in a young offender institution under section 1A below...

(4) A court may not — (a) pass a sentence of detention in a young offender institution... unless it is satisfied — (i) that the circumstances, including the nature and the gravity of the offence, are such that if the offender were aged 21 or over the court would pass a sentence of imprisonment; and (ii) that he qualifies for a custodial sentence.

(4A) An offender qualifies for a custodial sentence if — (a) he has a history of failure to respond to non-custodial penalties and is unable or unwilling to respond to them; or (b) only a custodial sentence would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from him; or

(c) the offence of which he has been convicted or found guilty was so serious that a non-custodial sentence for it cannot be justified.

Miss Jill Bradshaw, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the charges arose out of the appellant's dishonest conduct in her employment as a check-out assistant at a Huddersfield supermarket, where she had been employed for about 18 months.

It seemed that the dishonest behaviour had been continuing between September and December 1988 although the offences to which she pleaded guilty were committed between December 15 and 22 that year.

What she did was simply to allow customers of the store to

take goods out of her check-out without paying or sometimes paying a nominal sum.

The store detectives realized that that type of theft was taking place and accordingly set up video cameras, which produced pictures enabling them to identify not only the appellant but also a number of the dishonest shoppers.

The appellant assisted the police by identifying some of those who appeared on the video film. She gained almost nothing herself except that one of the thieves gave her a couple of jumpers and a baking set which had been stolen.

The appellant's reason for committing the thefts was not easy to determine. It was probably partly an effort to buy popularly and partly the money to account for the mother's behaviour had started.

The matter was adjourned for inquiries to be made from the prison service as to the availability of a place. Meanwhile the appellant was released on bail.

The matter was re-listed on November 24. The judge in chambers with a shorthand writer present explained why he was intending to pass a custodial sentence: (i) because she deserved it; and (ii) because others described as less culpable than her had been sent to prison.

It did not appear that the judge was by that time aware of the Court of Appeal's judgment on November 17, although he certainly was told about it later.

Once again the prison authorities were asked to find a place, which was proving very difficult. Counsel then told the judge what had happened in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, but the judge seemed unmoved by the news.

Once again the matter was adjourned with the clear intimation that, as soon as arrangements could be made for the baby to accompany the mother in a young offender institution that was where the appellant would go.

Certainly this defendant had been and was a young woman who could profit from advice and guidance if she were willing to accept it. Single, living alone, she left school with no qualifications.

She was successful and highly thought of by the supermarket she eventually defrauded and was given full-time employment by them.

She had no previous record of dishonesty or of any criminal behaviour. She would, undoubtedly have great problems to face when she was released, not least with the baby.

Custodial sentences on defendants under 21 were governed by section 123 of the 1988 Act. It was not altogether clear what the difference was between "the circumstances are such that if the offender were over 21 the court would pass a sentence of imprisonment" and "the offence is so serious that a non-custodial sentence cannot be justified."

There had to be a difference, otherwise the latter would be tautologous.

It had, presumably, to be that some cases were sufficiently

serious to warrant imprisonment for an adult but not sufficiently serious to warrant imprisonment for the under 21s — that is, that it would be extra serious to warrant that person going to detention.

The principal question which the judge had to decide, albeit a difficult one, was whether this was such a case and, if so, what the proper length of any custodial term should be.

What he had to say about the prevalence of shop-lifting and the attitude of some people towards the offence was, no doubt, true and was relevant to the deterrent aspect of punishment.

Unfortunately, the judge also saw fit to burden himself on the topic of young women who might be minded to invite pregnancy in order to escape a prison sentence.

If the defendant was a mother of a babe in arms that might be one of the many factors which the sentencing judge had to take into account, but the impression was left, whether intentionally or not, by the judge's remarks that he was using the case to illustrate the unwisdom of embarking upon pregnancy for such a reason.

Such an impression should be left was most unfortunate.

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The thieves who were over 21 were subject to different considerations inapplicable for section 123 while those under 21 were not, so it seemed, given the benefit of the section 123 provisions by the judge.

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led to the "deliberate pregnancy" remarks. It was something about which we have heard and the appellant could legitimately complain.

On the good side, the court noted that she had gained almost nothing from her crimes. The beneficiaries had been the thieves whom she had misled and, he said, criminally, enabled to carry out their depredations.

This was a young first-offender in obvious need of help. A probation order would provide that help and at the same time ensure that the arm of the law would not be far from her shoulder, should she misbehave during the period of the order.

Those were considerations which led their Lordships to believe that, applying the provisions of section 123, a sentence of detention was not in order in the present case and that a probation order, given the consent of the defendant, was.

That was so taking the various offences to which she had pleaded guilty as a composite whole and not individually. But it was right to point out that the wording of section 123 was, surprisingly, such that the court was only entitled to consider the gravity of each individual offence.

That was made clear in *R v Devlin* (The Times, December 12, 1989).

It was a matter which ought to have the attention of Parliament as soon as possible. As it stood at present, the court was unable to take matters into consideration on the question of seriousness which it should take into account.

On that technical ground also it was plain that the judge's sentence was wrong.

Having read the various transcripts their Lordships found it simply remained to say that the judge seemed to have been more concerned with the public importance of what he was doing than with the appellant.

If their Lordships had been able, they would have immediately quashed the sentence and imposed a probation order for two years.

In the circumstances there was nothing they could do without the appellant's presence and the appeal would be adjourned until a convenient hour the next day.

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Former relationship is no licence to rape

Attorney General's Reference (No 7 of 1989)

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment January 12]

The mere fact that parties had lived together and been having sexual intercourse regularly over a period of nearly two years did not license the man, once that cohabitation and sexual intercourse had ceased, to have sexual intercourse with the woman willy-nilly. It was, however, a factor to which some weight could be given by the sentencing court.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal, increasing from two years to 4½ years a sentence imposed on Paul Anthony Thornton, now aged 31, at St Albans Crown Court by Judge Goldstone, after a conviction of rape of the woman with whom the offender had lived from April 1987 to December 1988 when their cohabitation ceased.

Mr Julian Bevan for the Attorney General; Mr Anthony Dalgleish for the offender.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the offender and the girl (12 years his junior) had become engaged in June 1988 and she left on December 27. The offender desired to rekindle the relationship but the complainant simply wished that they remain friends.

They had met on one occasion in January last year and gone to a flat but no intercourse took place. He telephoned her asking her to visit him in February and she agreed.

His primary defence was that

he did not realize that she was not consenting.

Mr Bevan submitted that the two-year sentence was so far outside the proper limits of what a sentence for this type of crime should be as to merit interference.

Mr Dalgleish submitted that a judge had a discretion and the mere fact that their Lordships' court might believe that the sentence was too short or would have passed a more severe sentence than was passed was no reason for interference. With those sentiments their Lordships agreed.

What they had to determine was whether the sentence passed was outside the proper limits.

It was plain from the judge's sentencing remarks that two cases had been drawn to his attention, both of which preceded *R v Billam* (1986) 1 WLR

349 which provided guidelines in rape cases.

Mr Bevan referred also to three later cases: *R v Berry* (1988) 10 Cr App R (S) 13; *R v Mills* (1988) 10 Cr App R (S) 369; and *R v Workman* (1988) 10 Cr App R (S) 329.

A feature in the present case which distinguished it from others was that there was no plea of guilty but that fact was to some extent mitigated by there having been no attack on the complainant.

The defence was run as politely as could be. Nevertheless, it did deprive the offender of one of the most powerful mitigating features.

The way in which their Lordships viewed the present case was that the mere fact that the parties had over a period of 20 months been living together and having regular sexual inter-

course did not license the man, once that cohabitation and sexual intercourse had ceased, to have sexual intercourse with the girl willy-nilly.

It was, however, a factor to which some weight could be given by the sentencing court for the reasons set out by Lord Justice Mustill, giving the judgment in *Berry* (which included that the rape of a former wife or mistress might have special features which made it a less serious offence than otherwise it would be).

Their Lordships had decided that the two-year sentence was outside the proper limits. It was unduly lenient and their Lordships felt impelled to interfere. A proper sentence was 4½ years.

Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters; Austin Allen & Co, Luton.

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THE LAW

Raising the legal standards

Edward Fennel tells how a pressure group is tackling legal education

The legal community is a rich mixture of competition and co-operation, and nowhere is this better illustrated than in the two-year-old Legal Education Training Group. The purpose of the group, which has about 80 members, is to raise standards of legal education among law firms and to provide mutual self-help between professional trainers and those partners who have education responsibilities.

The group is ambitious. It wants to expand and is particularly keen to attract new members from outside London. The chairman, Paul Rylance, of Slaughter & May, says: "We help all newcomers in every way we can. We want to bring firms and individuals into the group, not keep anybody out."

And yet, is there not a danger with such a group that once members are inside the cosy atmosphere of mutual self-help (rather like the original Lloyd's Coffee House, as they describe it), "trade secrets" will be given away that could blunt the cutting edge of individual firms? Much is made these days of the



Trio with ambitious plans: Avrom Sher (left), Paul Rylance and Tony King of the Legal Education Training Group

importance of education as a way of giving firms a competitive advantage, and yet the group appears to be offering itself with *bonhomie* as a forum where all kinds of tips and hints on good practice can be exchanged between people who are supposed to be rivals.

That was exactly the worry raised by partners in some firms when the group was being set up, Rylance says. "But that is not the way we operate. It's true that we all have our own particular trade secrets but we don't disclose them. Instead, it is in everyone's interests

that standards of education are raised because the mutual advantage is much greater than any individual disadvantage."

Often, individual members appear to have more in common with one another than with the firms for which they work. In particular, the professional trainers, who may have an academic background, may receive more sympathy from their opposite numbers than from their employers.

Although education is no longer a Cinderella activity in the legal world it does have to compete for its place

against many other demands on partners' time and resources. The solidarity of education specialists within the group enables members to fight their corner more effectively because education is seen to be an activity that cannot be overlooked. That is why the group is keen to have partners as members.

"The advantage of having fee-earners in the group is that they can bring a realistic, commercial perspective to our discussions. It gives the educationist an opportunity to test out some of their more ambitious ideas and see whether

they will be convincing or not." Rylance is helped in the running of the group by Tony King, of Clifford Chance, and Avrom Sher, who combines an academic post at Warwick University with an educational role at Macfarlanes. By going for this breadth of experience the group believes it can have some influence in the development of education within the law as a whole.

"But I don't think we want to become too much under the auspices of the Law Society," King says. "I think we can be more effective as a pressure group from the outside."

Alongside improving members' performance and status as individuals, the group is keen to voice its views as consumers of externally provided educational services. Commercial legal education is of variable style and standards and the group is interested in the possibility of becoming a catalyst in improving some of the products coming on to the market.

Although the group will resist the temptation to organize conferences and produce material itself, it wants to have an influence on educational products at an earlier stage. In particular, it wants to convert some of the standard training techniques used by mainstream industry and commerce into a form that is acceptable to law firms.

If you have any ideas on legal education, Rylance and his colleagues would be delighted to hear from you on 01-600 1200.

INNS AND OUTS

The Law Society's search for an "arm's length" director for its Solicitors' Complaints Bureau has raised a few eyebrows. Why did the society go to an expensive head-hunting firm? And why is that firm, Korn Ferry International, running a series of advertisements for the post in the national press? Korn Ferry's fee is usually 33.3 per cent of the salary offered, plus bonuses - often payable whether or not the search is successful. For that, the client gets a discreet approach to likely candidates. As the new director's salary will be £50,000 plus benefits and a car, the search could cost the Law Society a minimum of £16,650, plus all Korn Ferry's out of pocket expenses, including the cost of advertisements in the papers.

Had the society gone through the normal recruitment advertising route, any of the established legal recruiters would have kept at the chance, for 15-18 per cent - payable on success only. Will the first complaint on the new director's desk come from the Law Society's own members?

Some lawyers never seem to learn. The New York law firm Myerson & Kuhn, which once boasted 160 lawyers, has filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Its partners may be liable for some of the debt of \$10 million (about £6.06 million). But partner Harvey Myerson has seen it all before: he was one of the driving forces behind Finley Kumble Wagner Heine Underberg Myerson & Casey, which went bankrupt in November 1987 owing more than \$80 million. And Myerson & Kuhn, founded on January 1, 1988 by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Myerson, had several lawyers from the Finley firm. Like Finley, the firm adopted an aggressive recruitment policy - going for big names and promising big money, apparently without the client base to service them.

The first signs of trouble emerged last June when a client, Shearson Lehman Hutton, alleged that the firm had over-billed it by \$2 million. Myerson & Kuhn agreed to repay \$1.2 million in settlement. Since then an increasing number of lawyers have left the firm. But why, knowing the history, did they join in the first place? The former Finley partners in the firm already owe \$3.5 million to Finley's trustee in bankruptcy.

Some London lawyers may remember Myerson. In 1987 he toured the City looking for a UK firm to link up with - far ahead of the present rash of associations. Before any link could take place with the chosen City firm, Finley Kumble went bankrupt.

Lovell White Durrant is going where most British firms fear to tread - Paris. As the French Bar continues to issue draft laws on regulating the French legal profession, which would give the Bar the power to throw all foreign lawyers out on their ears, Lovells is sending two partners to man the new outpost. It says it does not believe that the French Bar will go that far, and that if the expulsion orders do land on partners John Cowper and Russell Sleight's desks the next step would be the European Commission. But they would have to get in queue. Linklaters & Paine's Paris office is already considering that option.

When the Rolling Stones played at the Houston Astrodome, Texas, last year the demand for tickets brought an unexpected bonanza to the state's legal eagles. Lawyer Richard Frankoff received two tickets along with his cheque for legal fees after he successfully defended a man charged with resisting arrest while allegedly reselling tickets for the concert (the resale value was between \$200 and \$1,000).

Meanwhile, Sergeant James Zink, of the Pasadena (Texas) Police Department, and a former narcotics officer, found he could not go to the concert and advertised his tickets in the local press. Shortly afterwards, someone rang to express interest. Unfortunately, the hapless caller did not think to ask Zink what he did for a living and offered him not cash but LSD. When he met Zink to effect the exchange he was immediately arrested for possessing narcotics. The fate of the coveted tickets is not known.

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Whenver the Court of Appeal quashes a conviction because of the unreliability of police evidence, as we have seen in the case of the Guildford Four, there will be rejoicing among villains who are suffering the occupational risk of being tried in the Crown Court.

In the Crown Courts of London, and in some provincial centres, almost all police evidence of oral confessions is challenged. But when I began practice at the Bar in 1935 I was advised by my elders to avoid as far as possible challenging police evidence when defending a case. In those days it was rare for policemen to be accused of lying or fabricating evidence. To do so would be to invite rejection of the defence by the jury and the imposition of a heavier sentence by the judge. Confidence in the reliability of

The price of 'bent coppers'

Sir Frederick Lawton calls for a new attitude in police training

police evidence began to wane after 1945. By then many people were using cars and coming into contact with the police over such traffic offences as obstruction and failing to stop at traffic lights. Stories began to circulate about grossly exaggerated police evidence concerning the length of time cars had been left unattended outside shops and untrue evidence about passing traffic lights.

For about a decade after 1945 the police were engaged in investigating breaches of the Defence (General) Regulations. This offence brought them into contact with wealthy and sophisticated offenders, who sometimes tried, with varying success, to

buy themselves out of trouble. Suspicion grew that some policemen were corrupt.

At about the same time, following the report of the Royal Commission on the Police, appointments to the rank of chief constable began to be made from the ranks and not, as before, from retired armed forces officers. In a force in which all members have had the same training and experience there is a

tendency, when complaints of misconduct are made against individuals, for all to close ranks and pretend that nothing untoward happened. Discipline suffers.

The new kind of chief constables sometimes seemed reluctant to discipline adequately members of their forces who had been guilty of serious malpractices.

What is to be done? Changes cannot be brought about by either law or Home Office diktats. Making the admissibility of confessions dependent upon the existence of corroboration in the technical sense of that word might

become a charter of liberty for the guilty.

A requirement that, as in Scotland, there should be some supporting evidence for alleged confessions might be some safeguard; but the police officer who is prepared "to put on the verbals" would probably ensure that there was some such evidence.

What is required is a change of attitude on the part of the police, better standards of discipline enforced by senior officers who are not afraid to be unpopular with those serving under them, and a vigilant judiciary.

During training, the police should be taught that they are the servants of justice and that they will be rewarded and

promoted for their efficiency as such, not, as often now, because they are good thief-catchers, albeit unscrupulous ones. It should become a mark of shame for them to break the rules, not, as can happen now, a sign of their keenness.

The attainment of these standards would probably be helped by introducing into the higher ranks of the police men and women who have shown in some other occupation that they have high standards of behaviour and the ability to ensure that those serving under them comply with their standards. The middle ranks of the armed services might be a source of such talent.

Finally, the judiciary should be able to recognize the signs of police malpractice and avoid becoming "prosecution minded".

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The bigger the party, the better

Conferences are an increasing feature of modern life. Joan Venner explains how to get into the business

Organizing conferences is a growing industry. Tony Carcy, chairman of the Association of Conference Executives (ACE), thinks this is partly because of the advance of remote-communication technology. It is easy to talk on the phone, send messages by fax or plug into a computerized information system, but there comes a time when people need to talk face to face.

Conferences are run for many purposes. City institutions have brain-storming sessions in a country hotel. Companies organize courses and seminars for executives, and hold open meetings as public relations exercises. Many company conferences have an incentive element as part of a pep talk for a sales force launching a product, and it makes sense to hold them in a pleasant venue.

Official bodies ask those involved in education and training to watch a videotape about a new system of qualifications.

Associations, from bee-keepers to zoologists, invite their members to an annual convention, when they are addressed by experts.

But today people are not prepared to be lectured for hours on end. Their boredom threshold is

low — they want to be entertained. So the conference organizer's task has altered, and what is arranged is sometimes almost theatrical. Audio-visuals are essential.

Conference organizers fall into two main groups. Some are employees of an organization. Often the task of putting on conferences may be combined with another job, such as marketing executive. Within a professional association, the secretary may do all the donkey work with the aid of a committee.

Then you have a group of independent conference organizers, who have a number of clients for whom they work for a fee.

A sub-group consists of speculative conference houses which identify a market gap — for instance, changes in the sea-travel business in the year 2000 — and organize a conference, hoping to make money.

Pauline Eagle is employed by British Petroleum to organize conferences and undertake BP's corporate entertaining.

Now working as a member of a team on an environmental conference to be held in Frankfurt, she has just returned from a trip to West Germany to inspect suitable hotels. With a professional education



Talking business: formerly a director of training for cosmetics companies, Monica Gamble branched out on her own as a conference organizer

lional consultant, she is also helping to put together a programme on BP and education in Europe.

"For this job," she says, "you need stamina. You must check and double-check and pay tremendous attention to detail. Flexibility is essential and a willingness to work long hours, which can affect one's social life."

"You must have a feeling for people. It is often the attitude of the staff which clinches the deal with a hotel. Do they really want our conference? Can we work with them? It is a gut feeling."

Monica Gamble, of Monica Gamble and Associates, was director of training with Charles of the Ritz and Yves Saint Laurent. One of her responsibilities was to organize conferences.

About two years ago, she branched out on her own and still undertakes work for cosmetic companies. They are not her sole clients, however. Recently she arranged a function in the Sheraton Skyline for 400 staff from British Airways' new travel shops.

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What often happens is that a secretary is asked to organize an office party, shines at the job and, before she knows where she is, is involved in a conference or a training course. It certainly helps to make it clear that one likes organizing, perhaps when entering a new job.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

Opening up the touchline?

Rugby union, once the game for the affluent public school types, is enjoying a wider appeal. David Hands raises questions for the game's future success

Rugby union is enjoying a greater period of popularity than at any time since — according to popular legend — that errant schoolboy at Rugby in 1823, William Webb Ellis, contravened the rules of football as played at his school, picked up the ball and ran with it.

There are now 40 full and associate members of the International Rugby Football Board and more than 100 countries stage games on a regular basis. In 1987, the inaugural World Cup (for the Webb Ellis Trophy) was held in New Zealand and Australia. It comes round for the second time in the British Isles and France next year. International matches in Europe's five nations championship now enjoy the event status accorded to other sporting/social highlights such as Wimbledon, Henley and Ascot.

All of this has happened without any notable achievement in the way the game has been played in Britain. The best teams during the 1980s have been New Zealand and France; they would without doubt have been joined by South Africa but for the limitations on sporting contact with that country. Even so, there was evidence, last year, that the game in the republic is still in good health.

A broader analysis suggests that rugby union, despite its appeal to a cross-section of social and economic classes — the public-school game of the 19th century which became a working-class game in Wales and held instant appeal for the South African Boer and the New Zealander — still draws its adherents in Britain from the affluent society. Indeed, the Rugby Football Union (RFU), in promoting the game to potential sponsors, suggests that the game "remains unique in its precise appeal to many of the nation's decision-makers and the devoted loyalty and affluence of its followers is legendary".

Statistical evidence bears that

out. Figures supplied by the Wembley-based company Research Services Limited indicate that the greatest interest comes from the A and B social categories, which is confirmed by the nature of companies involved in sponsorship of rugby union at its most public level.

In fact, in terms of interest in sport shown by the population of the United Kingdom, rugby union only just gets into the top 20 of a chart headed by snooker, athletics and swimming. Among males, the interest shown elevates it to eleventh position, with snooker again heading the chart followed by football and athletics.

In terms of active involvement, rugby union is outside the top 20, with 5 per cent of the total male population and 12 per cent of the group aged between 15 and 24. The sport with the greatest involvement is swimming, and, for the younger group, pool.

It is the fear that a growing number of children remain unexposed to rugby union which has caused an upsurge in Britain of youth development programmes by the national unions. They are aware that, during the 1990s, the reduction in the birth rate will begin to bite on all sports.

Or does rugby union make a huge impact upon television audiences. The most popular sports programme in the first half of 1989 was the heavyweight boxing match between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno, which drew more than 12 million viewers. Compare this with the 17 million to 20 million who regularly tune in to a soap opera such as *Coronation Street*. No rugby match made it into the top 20; the best viewing figure was the six million who watched highlights of France v Wales on February 18.

Indeed, the viewing figures for the whole decade have maintained a consistency which clearly does not hinge upon success or failure and confirms, again, the loyalty to



A game in decline? France power away from Wales in last year's international, the highlights of which attracted six million television viewers

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because we have always been a participating sport.

"I don't want to take people out of the game or off the touchline to watch England. I'm far more concerned with the support of 2,000 clubs up and down the country." Yet, in contrast with what has gone before, the upsurge in interest is undeniable and the

opportunity to sell the game to a greater number of people in Europe will come in 1991 with the World Cup, which will be staged in London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Dublin, Belfast, Paris and various other provincial centres, with the final at Twickenham.

The dangers inherent for an amateur game are obvious. Rugby

union is seeking a formula to loosen the regulations which do not permit players to make money from the game, regulations which have been less readily accepted in some parts of the world than others.

The more money coming into the game, the more time required, of leading players to prepare for it, the greater the threat to both the essential attraction of amateurism (the player who plays for the love of it) and the concept of sportsmanship which is a vital ingredient of rugby. Can the game, in its present form, survive without vigilant protection of sportsmanship in an arena of intense physical contact?

Welsh game's future rests in young hands

This is not meant to be a tale of woe. It is, however, a tale of Welsh rugby's missed opportunities — though all is not yet lost.

There is a boy I know well. Parental hints that to be in a school choir might be to follow in the footsteps of the knighted Evans or some other golden-tongued Welshman wooing audiences in Salzburg, Vienna or New York, or that time spent in the school's dramatics might eventually win West End awards and hearts, like an Anthony Hopkins, fall largely on plugged ears.

The small of his back is no match for the snuff of the limelight that wafts through dressing-room windows. Conversations turn instead to the recent exploits of Neath RFC. Read the headlines, hear the rumours, and you may be persuaded that rugby in Wales is in terminal decline. But down below there is a knowledge, interest and enthusiasm that those who govern the game are failing to promote.

There is a willing audience. These young players are ready and waiting for a lead. Instead, the Welsh Rugby Union looks old and racked with argument. The major clubs look stiff-necked, stuffy and complacent. The WRU and the clubs must change with leisure time's changing appeal. If they want some idea of sport promotion on limited resources, they should visit the Cardiff ice rink and watch the Red Devils ice hockey team. Starting from scratch only a few years ago, the rink is now packed on Sunday evenings. It is made to appear a lot of fun.

That rugby should attempt to appeal, for instance, to the whole family remains a foreign and distant idea. That rugby is losing ground in its traditional constituency, the schools, is a further problem. The WRU does not quite know what to do with them. The schools and youth sections of Welsh rugby are in direct competition, in some instances, for the same players. There is no firm

A tale of missed opportunities could still have a happy ending

policy for the development of under-19 rugby.

That it has failed to find articulate spokesmen is to have grossly misunderstood the role the media could play

in rugby's promotion. The WRU frowned on player interviews on radio and television so that the game's strongest asset, its appeal to the young, was so low key as to be almost invisible.

The problem now needs to be in focus. The need to reverse the trend is this decade's challenge.

Gerald Davies

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The league system in rugby union draws new interest across all levels

League climber

While the British have won a reputation for codifying a wide variety of sports, other nations have organized themselves to play some games better than their inventors (*David Hands writes*). One of the oldest league systems in rugby union is found in Argentina, while, in Britain, the structures have been adopted slowly.

There have been league and knockout competitions for many years, but only on a localized scale. Scotland was the first to adopt an integrated national league, in 1973-4, but was followed by England only in 1987-8. Ireland and Wales propose to put national divisions on top of existing

provincial and district leagues next season.

This slow acceptance stems, in part, from the social background to the game, the cherished privilege of individual clubs to play whom they chose and perhaps, in England, the connotation of the word "league" after the formation of the professional Rugby League. None the less, league rugby in Scotland, now sponsored by McEwans, the brewers, has been judged to have played a considerable role in the success of that country's game, despite slim playing

resources. It may now be doing the same for England, whose playing resources are so much greater, via the Courage Clubs Championship.

Figures collated on behalf of Courage — also a brewing firm — suggest that the new competition has not swelled playing numbers yet, but it has significantly increased interest, particularly in the three national and two area leagues whose games are most widely reported. Below that level, there is increased club membership, recognition perhaps of frustrated ambition

and a drive to improve facilities. Scotland's experience, in the view of Duncan Paterson, the former international scrum half who will manage his country's team in New Zealand this summer, is that the leagues have provided a climate in which other aspects of the game have flourished. In England, it seems likely that the national divisions will, ultimately, be reduced in size to accommodate home and away matches. The formation of some form of British "super league", drawn from the leading clubs in the four home unions, or of a European league, will remain a live issue in the early 1990s.

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Speculation linking Toby Balding with the Whitcombe Manor Stables in Dorset was yesterday

Bolton will be looking for a new trainer to take over the running of the 112-box yard.

But Bishop did confirm that his company, who employs Bolding, has no intention of developing a multi-million pound training complex.

"I have seen Whitcombe and it is an extremely exciting and interesting place and the reports suggesting Boly is poised to take over are very premature," he said.

Bishop added: "Although B&B is interested in Whitcombe, we are not in the market to buy it."

Bolding, commenting on the possible move, said: "I must say it is an intriguing prospect. But if it went well, I wouldn't be moving until the next planting season."

SEDGEFIELD 215 GEORGE MULCASTER MEMORIAL C
(Handicap chase: £2,586; 2m 4f) (4)

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Stay Awake. 1.15 Topsoil. 1.45 Rifle Range. 2.15 Sword Beach. 2.45 Kevinsoft. 3.15 SMITHS VENTURE (map). 3.45 Polish.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 Rifle Range.

1 FFS-ALUMBERDURY 644 (C,F) M W Eastern 9-11-10

2 2122 SWORD BEACH 21 (C,F,G,H) M H Eastern 9-11-10

3 3-31 OSGEN CASTLE 25 (C,F,G,H) J Johnson 11-11-2 9-11-10

4 3-31 OSGEN CASTLE 25 (C,F,G,H) J Johnson 11-11-2 9-11-10

11-10 Sword Beach, 13-4 Osgen Castle, 4-Captain M

2.45 SEDGEFIELD CLAIMING CHASE (22,0,0) 2m (8)

1 86-P SYDNEY 3 (C,D,G,H) R Woodhouse 11-11-4

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1245 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP
HANDICAP (7:02c, 2m) (11 runners)

1 -305 **COQUE RIVERA** 3 (8F) M W Easterly 6-1/2-0 C Ryan (7) 1
2 -2012 **EYES BE ATCH'N** 17 (0.0) W Sweeney 5-11-4 C J Bonner 1
3 -310 **COGETA** 10 (0.0) M Ashton 5-11-0 M Ashton (7) 1
4 -310 **COGETA** 10 (0.0) M Ashton 5-11-0 M Ashton (7) 1
5 -000 **PEOPLE'S CHOICE** 14 W A Stephenson 5-11-0 S Hargis 1

6 2130 **STAR AWAKE** 11 (D,F) J O'Neil 4-11-2 M Dwyer 1
7 -442 **STARLIGHT HILL** 24 S Sanger 5-11-0 P Harte (7) 1
8 -444 **CARNA BELLEF** 11 (8) Jim O Postelmeier 5-11-0 G Bradley 1

9 0454 **FALLOU** 4 (0.0) S-10-11 J Stankiewicz 1
10 0454 **CHORON** 15 (0.0) J Chapman 4-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
11 0950 **COUNTRY HEATH** 14 W (8) J Stankiewicz 5-10-3

1-14 Story Awake, 4-1 Coquette, 2-0 Fawn, 5-1 Diamond, 7-1 Furcrae, 8-0 Carr, Muffin, 10-1 Go Well, 14-1 others.

1.15 HANDICAPPED JOCKEYS
SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (7:37c, 2m) (10)

1 -4-15 **BELLEPHONE** 87 (C,F) Werry 7-11-11 P Harte 1
2 -2048 **THE FLYING** 10 (0.0) Werry 7-11-11 P Harte 1
3 -6-9 **SEA PERENNIAL** 18 (C,F,S) Jones 14-11-1 5-11-29 O'Leary 1
4 -8 **TOPKICK** 13 (0.0) D Wiersa 8-11-0 W Hirston (7) 1
5 -400 **THE FLYING** 10 (0.0) Werry 7-11-11 P Harte 1
6 -3956 **MARTINELLI** 11 (D,F) Sanger 6-11-10-13 S McGinn 1

2 11-1 **SPRINTBOARD** 10 (C,F,D) Gammey 11-0-1-1 W Hirston 1
3 1224 **THE FLYING** 10 (0.0) Werry 7-11-11 P Harte 1
4 400 **NEVINSROAD** 10 (C,F,D) Gammey 11-0-1-1 W Hirston 1
5 6-9 **COQUE VALDEZ** 10 (0.0) M Chapman 5-11-0 M Dwyer 1
6 6-9 **POINTEMENTS** 24 (D,F,L) Sanger 13-11-2 C J Bonner 1
7 3-04 **QUEEN'S TREASURE** 34 (0.0) Mase S Wilson 12-1-2 C J Bonner 1

8 1-10 **MRS THALE** 10 M W Easterly 5-10-4 J Rastell 1
9 4-6 **Kevnforth**, 11-4 Tigonides, 9-2 Sprintboard, 8-1 Sea Perennial.

1.15 CASSOP NOVICES HANDICAP (7:38c, 2m) (15)

1 -323 **BRIGHT WISH** 18 R Fisher 7-11-0 P Harte 1
2 -463 **CORNET PAPER** 13 M Mase S Wilson 6-11-0 C J Bonner 1
3 10-1 **DREAMS** 10 T Kersley 7-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
4 10-1 **WINDY** 11 (0.0) W Chapman 7-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
5 0-0 **SHOON HILL** 14 W A Stephenson 6-11-0 A Martin 1
6 -002 **SNOWGLOUSE** 17 Mrs P S-11-0 R Gammey 1
7 -002 **THE VENTURE** 14 (0.0) W Chapman 7-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
8 3282 **TRIAL RULER** 18 D McCann 5-11-0 R Harte 1
9 **VALMAY** 21 M Chapman 5-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
10 **WINDY** 11 (0.0) W Chapman 7-11-0 S Stankiewicz 1
11 6208 **YAMAMOUCHI** 21 J O'Neil 6-11-0 A Martin 1
12 2048 **THE FLYING** 10 (0.0) Werry 7-11-11 P Harte 1
13 **MRS WHEAT** 36 R Whitaker 9-11-0 S Hargis 1
14 26-4 **THE FINEST KISSERS** 14 C Cunningham 7-11-4 G Bradley 1

15 **PFR WIRE LABS** 6 J Heneghan 6-11-4 G Bradley 1
16 **Tribal Ruler**, 4-1 Sologone, 7-1 Brilliant Wish, 8-1 Diamond, The First Glimers, 10-1 Grishu Venera, Yamamouchi.

3.45 CARLTON HANDICAP HURDLE (7:17c, 2m) (10)

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1-3PI **BUCKLE UP!** 11 (F) Tues 7-9:15-10:00 **Beaudy**
 2-3PI **THE 100TH** 11 (F) Tues 9-11-10:00 **Beaudy**
 3-3PI **THE 100TH** 11 (F) Tues 9-11-10:00 **Beaudy**
 4-3PI **ICE VALLEY** 32 Jimmy Fingers 8-11-10:00 **M Dwyer**
 4-3PI **LAKE VULCANIA** 11 (F) M-F Sat 5-6-11-10:00 **Wynne**

50F-5P MEADOW TERRACE 81 W Kennedy 5-11-10:00 **T White** (F)
 6-5P **DRIFT AWAY** 157 Kersley 6-11-10:00 **Ontario**
 6-5P **GAMBLING** 57 Kersley 6-11-10:00 **Ontario**
 7-8P **SMILEY AWAY** 58 Kersley 6-11-10:00 **T White**
 7-8P **SMILEY AWAY** 58 Kersley 6-11-10:00 **T White**
 8-9P **WISCONSIN** 83 (F) M Chapman 6-11-10:00 **M Seppala** (F)
 4-5 **RIVER HOUSE** 2-1 River House, 1-1 Lake Vulcania, Ice

Emperor, 1-1 Green Archer, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T White, 4 winners from 8 runners, 44.4%; J. Fitzgerald, 10 from 27, 36.9%; Beaudy, 14 from 25, 55.9%;
 O'Neill, 8 from 43, 18.6%; M. L. Cassidy, 14 from 76, 18.4%;
 C. Postelwald, 3 from 18, 16.7%.
CO-DRIVERS: 6 from 19, 31.6%; from 19 rides, 35.4%;
 Cassidy, 4 from 11, 36.4%; M. McGill, 3 from 10, 30.0%;
 Ryan, 3 from 11, 30.0%; M. Dwyer, 32 from 128, 25.0%.

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Selections
By Mandarin
1.10 Timsolo. 1.40 Swing North. 2.10 Evichsar.

2.10 **GOING: standard Draw; 5f-1m, low numbers best**

1.10 **DESIGN CONTRACTORS JACKPOT: NUMCRACKER**
SUITO HANDICAP (22:28: 2m) (11 runners)

2.10 **EVICHSTAR: 3.40 HINARI VIDEO (nap).**

1 25-3 DRAG BALL 5 (RUS) M British 5-5-5 S Maloney (7)
2 04-3 MAGNET ALL 4 (JF) D F 5-5-5 P Cather 10-5-10 T Williams
3 40-4 SPRINK 14 (9) J Renda 5-5-5 T Williams
4 00-0 HOW SHARP 14 (JF) J Smith 10-5-10 K Palmer
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Gardens (10), 35 Anna
Belle (10), 50 Cindersie Bay, Ginger Wings

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Sambrooks (au), Sword Edge (Gm), 9 rpn.
114, 101, 2, 20, det. M. Robinson at
Wentz, Toke; Lr. 50, 110, 22.70, E.T. 70.
Dr: £16.00, CDF: 22c/g. Thrust: £70.00.

Until his resignation last year, John Bromley had been the guiding light behind ITV's sports coverage for 25 years, setting up London Weekend Television's sports department with Jimmy Hill and going on to become the chairman of ITV's network sports committee and head of ITV sport. He has now joined TSL, an independent production company, as chairman. In the first of three articles on sport and television, he reflects on the growth of ITV sport from its early days

That machine enabled Jimmy to say "Watch Peters, and look, here's Hurst making a run" or point up a piece of skill or a tackle.

The man who stole the picture from the BBC: Bromley, who dragged sport from under Auntie's umbrella, smiles as he asserts his independence

Interview: Peter Ball
TOMORROW
Coverage and competition
in the Nineties

Three holes from home, Gamez was six ahead of his, by now, resigned pursuers and it was only at the 18th, where he could have taken nine and still won, that he showed some weakness. He drove into a bunker, handed out a ball and then, after the third and third was thankful to take only three putts. He could hardly stop grinning throughout it all.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (U.S. ANES)
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Paul Lake, Manchester City's versatile defender, was yesterday brought into contention for a place in England's World Cup squad. Lake, aged 21, is the only newcomer in an otherwise predictable list of players to have been invited by the manager, Bobby Robson, to assemble at Lillleshall for fitness assessments on Monday.

It is ironic that Lake should be included in the senior party for the first time in order to take part in such tests. Because of injury, he has been withdrawn more often than he has appeared in the under-21 and, towards the end of last year, B internationals.

Robson, bemused that Lake should so regularly be a casualty, would have promoted him before now. At present he plays at right back for City, and could act as a cover in several positions.

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Football supporters who do not go to Italy for the World Cup finals this summer need not miss much action. The BBC and ITV yesterday published extensive coverage of the first-round matches.

There will be two live matches virtually every day during the first round. Although direct competitors for domestic football, the two networks have shared the World Cup matches to prevent simultaneous transmission of different matches, thereby ensuring that non-football lovers will have an alternative.

Later rounds have still to be allocated and things may even out then, but for the moment ITV seems to have slightly the better of things, with England's opening group match against Ireland on June 11, and the plum fixture between Scotland and Brazil on June 20 on its schedule.

BBC, however, has four of the six matches in England's group, including the top match between England and The Netherlands (June 16) and the two closing and hence potentially decisive matches in the group on June 21, England v Egypt and Ireland v The Netherlands. It also has Scotland's crucial match against Sweden, if only, as it clashes with England v The Netherlands, for Scottish viewers, a game which could

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Other games which catch the eye are Argentina v Soviet Union (ITV, June 13), Yugoslavia v Colombia (ITV, June 14), Argentina v Romania (BBC, June 18), West Germany v Colombia (BBC, June 19) and Italy v Czechoslovakia (ITV, same day), culminating on the last day, June 21, with Belgium v Spain, recalling that splendid match from 1986 (ITV).

If the games necessitate some measure of choice by viewers, Sky's Eurosport channel will offer a fully comprehensive service. "We will show all 52 games in their entirety, the majority of them live," Richard Russell, Eurosport's controller of production, said.

"Obviously, in the first round clashes mean that we can't show all the matches live, but because we are an all-sport channel we have the flexibility to repeat an afternoon game in full in the evening, which obviously BBC and ITV can't do. The sporting calendar virtually stops for the World Cup and our schedule will reflect that."

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By Steve Acton

Swindon Town yesterday dismissed Dave King, their secretary. Brian Hillier, the chairman of the club, announced King's departure after a board meeting. Hillier said: "The full reasons will come out in due course; for now, let us say simply that he has shown disloyalty to the club."

Hillier, with Lou Macari, the former manager, now at West Ham United, is subject to inquiries over alleged breaches of betting regulations concerning a Newcastle United v Swindon FA Cup tie, in January 1988, and over allegations of payments to players, in breach of regulations, during Macari's time as manager.

Stoke City, whose captain, Chris Kamara, was at Swindon with Macari, are to discuss with the player newspaper allegations that he received irregular payments. Alan Ball, the manager, said: "This has got nothing to do with either Stoke City or myself, but obviously, he'll have to be asked about the situation."

Hillier said: "Myself and the other directors are being put under tremendous pressure. We are doing our best for Swindon Football Club, but there are others trying to take it away from us."

Swindon, despite occupying the highest League position in their history, seem to have little chance of upsetting Southampton, in their Littlewoods Cup fourth-round replay, at The Dell tonight. Their League position - Southampton are fourth in the first division and Swindon third in the second - are irrelevant in that Cup football, in many managers' phraseology, "is all about 90 minutes on the night."

But Swindon needed 7½ hours to dispose of Bolton, in the last round, and must face the second most prolific attack in the first division, after Liverpool's.

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The Football Association confirmed yesterday that Charles Hughes, the assistant national coach, had become the director of coaching and education (Stuart Jones writes).

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